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Rugby's game of pros and cons

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

There is a children's [illegible] called Consequences in which within a broadly defined framework, the contestants write a brief comment, fold over the paper and let the next player write his comment. When the game is over the resulting "story" is read out and the competitors fall about with laughter.

The subject of rugby [illegible] and South Africa is a big [illegible] that at the moment, given that the final consequences of the abandoned international tour has yet to be determined and no one within the game is laughing.

One picture being painted with increasingly vivid colours is that of organised professional rugby union without South Africa, possibly as early as next year, the consequences for the South African Rugby Board.

Ever since the International Rugby Football Board in March lifted the ban on matches against South Africa, the prospect of a seven-match tour by an unofficial national party, due to begin this Saturday, has become increasingly unlikely.

The decision this week to call it off is merely an acknowledgement of the lack of support from the international rugby-playing countries, for a variety of reasons.

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Sympathizers will not be lacking

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Nurses' unions split over pay battle tactics

Cohse and Nupe holding out for more concessions

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government's chances of averting a crisis over the nurses pay deal were still in the balance last night as a split emerged among the unions over the next step.

Leaders of Cohse and Nupe yesterday demanded further pay concessions from the Government before they would agree to reopen negotiations with management over the clinical grading review.

But the Royal College of Nursing, the largest nurses' union, made it clear that they wanted talks to restart as soon as possible.

The one thing the unions agreed after a day of talks yesterday was that they would meet on Tuesday to try to find a common stance on the next steps.

Cohse is still instructing its branches to hold emergency meetings to discuss industrial action and, together with Nupe, is sceptical that further talks will achieve anything new.

Yesterday's move augurs badly for the Government's attempts to take the heat out of a politically embarrassing situation. It was clear that union leaders believe they can wring still further concessions from the Department of Health.

Meanwhile, some health authorities have been thrown into confusion by Thursday's statement form the management side that "the majority of ward sisters" could expect to be on the higher Grade G, on salaries between £12,000 and £13,925, indicating further problems.

About 70 of the Cohse branch at the Middlesex Hospital have already voted to strike for 24 hours on August 25 over the regrading dispute. The action has to be ratified at a full staff meeting next Thursday.

Although early returns to some authorities have shown that between 50 per cent and 60 per cent of sisters are on Grade G, this includes district nurses and community nurses and midwives, who are automatically on that grade. The percentage of ward sisters on G is therefore expected to be lower.

Four days ago the unions walked out of talks at the Department of Health after accusing the Government of "sabotaging" the new £803 million deal which is based on a restructuring of clinical nursing posts.

At the centre of the row was the issue of new grading for sisters and charge nurses and Government guidelines which appeared to limit the higher Grade G, on a salary of £12,025 to £13,925, to one sister per ward.

Both Nupe and Cohse were adamant yesterday that there should be a climbdown on the Government's insistence that only one sister should be given "continuing responsibility" on the ward, irrespective of whether other sisters could achieve the higher grade through clinical specialism.

The Royal College of Nursing on the other hand has not taken such a rigid stand and is prepared to explore other ways of "distributing satisfactory gradings .. where more than one sister is in post".

In a statement yesterday the RCN called for a withdrawal of the Health Department's "unilateral" instruction that grading proposals should be completed by the end of August 1988; a pause in the preparation of grading proposals pending the issue of revised guidance; further supplementary guidance to be agreed by both sides of the council, and the preparation of revised grading proposals by authorities in consultation with the post-holders concerned.

Yesterday RCN officers were preparing "action packs" to send to the college's 268,000 members advising them to lobby their MPs and put pressure on their districts and regions to ensure that the grading structure was carried out fairly. The college is also planning a national day of protest action on September 3.

Miss Judith Carter, the Cohse national officer and acting chairman of the staff side negotiators, said nursing members would continue a programme of emergency meetings next week, discussing possible industrial action. "There will be no point meeting the management side unless we can be sure their position has changed from last Tuesday.

"Cohse is concerned that yesterday's letter from the management side does not open the door to further negotiations on the principle of continuing responsibility."

Mrs Pat Turner, the national officer for the health service of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers Union, said: "This is not just a dispute about the grading of sisters. This is about the pincer movement by the Tory politicians and the bureaucrats at the Department of Health to keep down nurses' pay."

Preliminary returns in London health authorities and Oxford region have already shown that the average rises needed to implement the pay structures would be between 18 per cent and 23 per cent rather than the 15.3 per cent allocated by the Government.

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● There were no winners of the £4,000 daily prize yesterday, so the Portfolio Accumulator rises to £150,000. In addition, there is a chance today to win the £8,000 weekly prize.

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Presenting the sleepy Princess of York



Tender touch: The Duchess of York keeps her daughter warm outside the Portland Hospital yesterday.

Baby goes north for the Queen

By Ruth Gledhill

The Duke and Duchess of York took their four-day-old baby to Balmoral yesterday where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will see their new grand-daughter on Monday.

The Duke of York collected his wife and baby, as yet unnamed, from the Portland Hospital in London at lunchtime and drove them to a nearby airfield.

An aircraft of the Queen's Flight took them on their one-hour journey to RAF Kinloss on the Moray Firth from where they drove to Balmoral.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are expected to join the Yorks there on Monday.

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Burmese dance for joy as president is forced to quit

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Brigadier-General Sein Lwin stepped down yesterday as Burma's leader, after only 17 days in office, bowing to a week of increasingly violent demonstrations against him.

The state radio in Rangoon announced the resignation.

A special meeting of the People's Assembly next Friday will choose his successor. Until then Burma will be ruled by a collective leadership.

There is no obvious successor to General Sein Lwin but already there is speculation that General Ne Win, who ruled Burma with an iron fist for 26 years until last month, will return to office.

Western diplomats on the telephone from Rangoon said demonstrators danced in the streets when they heard the news of the resignation. A number of soldiers put aside their guns and joined in the celebrations.

What demonstrators seek now probably in order of importance are: the release of demonstrators who have been held in custody during this week's protests and others arrested earlier this year; swift action to increase food supplies and wages and government moves to restore democracy through free elections.

News of the unexpected fall of the 64-year-old President, whose reputation as security *chief earned him the nick*name "Butcher of Rangoon", came as demonstrators, defying martial law and curfews for the fifth successive day, fought pitched battles with security forces in the suburbs of the capital.

The army earlier had succeeded in sealing off central districts but fired on demonstrators, *some of whom did* no more than chant anti-Government slogans. Others however attacked troops with home-made weapons, including incendiary devices, as they looted and burned government food stores and other state-owned property.

The casualties yesterday are not yet known but earlier *estimates that about 1,000* people had been killed this week are expected to increase.

Barclays puts up card interest to 26.8%

By Rosemary Unsworth and Philip Webster

Barclaycard provoked political protests last night after it announced an increase in interest rates from 23.1 per cent to 26.8 per cent, making it the most expensive credit card.

The Labour Party demanded tough new controls on credit to control the growing level of personal debt.

Mr John Smith, Labour's spokesman on Treasury affairs, accused the Government of creating "an easy credit society". He said there was no justification for further increases by credit card companies.

Barclays Bank announced at the same time that cash advances on its credit card would also rise to an annual percentage rate (APR) of 27.2 per cent from Monday after *last Monday's rise in base* rates to 11 per cent, the seventh increase in 10 weeks.

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Barclays' move came after Lloyds Bank announced on Thursday increases in its Access card rate from 23.8 per cent to 25.3 per cent APR from August 19. This put it at the same level as the TSB, which announced increases effective from September 2.

The increaes are in contrast with rates of about 16 per cent APR offered by Save & Prosper and Chase Manhattan.

Mr Smith, in a speech at Airdrie, Strathclyde, said that many more people were encountering debt problems. The Government did not seem concerned that people had forgotten how to save.

He proposed tougher controls on credit agencies to limit excessive interest rates, to require more responsibility from those extending credit and the compulsory disclosure of all loans fees and charges.

Mr Smith said the latest Barclaycard rise was "another twist of the screw." Credit card interest rates were set at levels so high above the bank rate that there was little excuse for varying the rate according to interest rate increases.

"They are pretty good at putting their rates up when interest rates move upwards, but not so good at bringing them down when the opposite occurs", he said.

Mr Smith said that while there was much talk of the *economic effects of the credit* boom, the social side was often harrowing and should not be forgotten. Easy credit had brought social and personal disaster. There was a big *increase in debt problems.*

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Wrongful dismissal alleged

Sacked dealer sues bank

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Russell Kean, one of two executives dismissed for dealing on inside information by County NatWest WoodMac, the investment banking arm of National Westminster Bank, yesterday issued a writ against County claiming damages for wrongful dismissal.

His solicitors released a statement which turned the spotlight on two investment analysts at County NatWest effectively claiming that they passed on inside information about Grand Metropolitan selling off its £2 billion Inter-Continental hotels division to Mr Kean.

Moreover, Mr Kean's solicitors claimed that his purchases of GrandMet shares — *which are believed to have* netted County about £50,000 profit — were not in breach of any instructions.

However, this was flatly *contradicted* by County which maintained that Mr Kean and a colleague, Mr Stephen Floyd, had been told not to deal in GrandMet shares. "Subsequently they dealt and were accordingly dismissed," County said.

County also denied yesterday that its corporate finance department — which advises public companies on takeovers and disposals — was at all involved in the leak of information.

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County received a phone call from GrandMet on Monday at about 1pm. It was taken by a very senior executive who relayed it to two investment analysts at the bank. They passed it on to Mr Kean who then purchased Grand Metropolitan shares.

Mr Kean's solicitors stressed yesterday that he had received confidential information without asking for it.

"A peculiarity of this case is that Mr Kean was directly given information without request by two analysts employed by CNW (County), one of them feeling the need to telephone him from out of town to do so."

The Stock Exchange and County are conducting their own investigations into the leak and it is possible that more people will be dismissed at County.

Under Stock Exchange rules analysts should not pass on inside information to market-makers within the same financial institution. County yesterday described the leak of information as a "breach of internal procedures".

County said that it was "in the process of cancelling" the GrandMet share bargain deals which were carried out with other financial institutions.

Two universities in merger talks

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The first merger between two chartered British universities could go ahead if talks between the Chairmen of Councils and Vice-Chancellors of Surrey and Brunel universities are successful.

The university heads have had two rounds of talks already this year. Two weeks ago it was agreed that there was enough "interest and definite advantage for each side" in a merger, and that the sides would meet again in the autumn term. A spokesman for the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said the marriage would be the first of its kind in Britain.

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Mr David Smith, aide to the Vice Chancellor of Surrey University, Dr Anthony Kenny, said yesterday: "Developments at the moment favour large universities." Merger made sense because both universities are science and technology based and few new departments would be created. "We could see the combined Engineering departments becoming the biggest faculty in the country."

Brunel and Surrey are of a similar size. Surrey had 3,509 students last year and Brunel 3,379.

The President of Surrey University's students' union, Mr Dixon Jones, said he was worried about merger rumours. "I hope it does not *happen at all, and I will be* delighted when we get some more information."

Mr Smith said that the two universities are close; Brunel is in Uxbridge, north London, and Surrey in Guildford.

"The serious talks will come in the autumn. Then we will get some idea of the time scale for a merger — if it goes ahead at all", *Mr Smith said.*

The flight that provoked a passengers' revolt

By Robin Young

The British being what they are, flight delays — like queues and the weather — *normally provoke* little more than mumbled protests. But passengers aboard Cal Air flight EN 317 from Gatwick to Treviso, Italy last Wednesday, delayed for 16 hours and 25 minutes, have decided to fight back

During the flight, more than 200 of the 328 on board signed a collective letter threatening legal action against the airline and tour operators. When they finally reached Italy they faxed copies to newspapers, *including The Times.*

Mr Ray Pearce, a company director from Redlynch in Wiltshire, who co-ordinated the passengers' protest, said *yesterday:* "The most annoying factor was the lack of communication.

In all the passengers were given five different times at which their flight, originally due to take off from Gatwick at 6.40 am, was expected to leave. It eventually left the bay at 11.05 pm and finally got airborne at 11.18.

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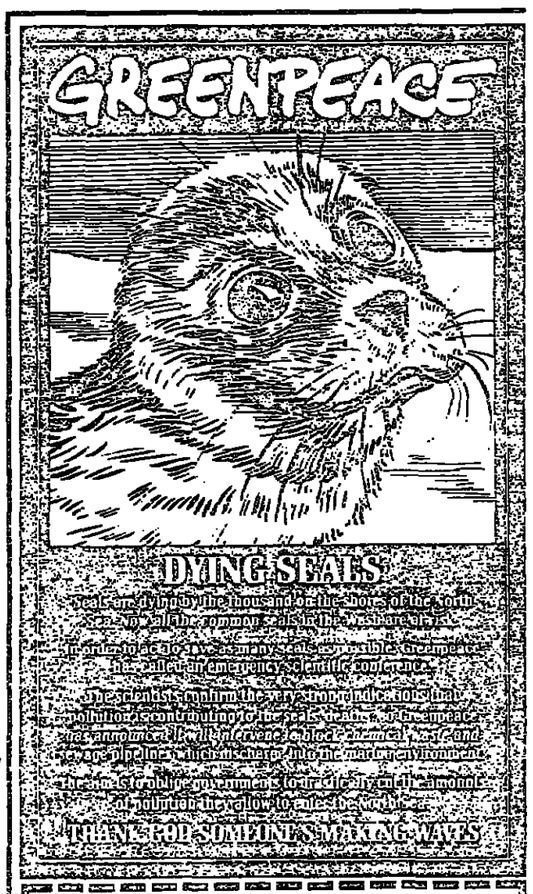
Passengers who phoned to check before leaving home were told the flight would leave on time, but when they checked in they found the estimated time of departure was 3.30 pm. During their wait they were served two breakfasts. After the second, they found the flight had been further postponed to 4.20pm.

From 9pm, when they were finally called in board, the passengers were told to sit with seat belts fastened for *more than an hour while the pilot* awaited technical paperwork, but when it arrived it was announced that the flight had missed its takeoff slot, and they had to wait a further 50 minutes without refreshment.

Mr John Harrison, Cal Air's customer relations manager at Gatwick, said last night: "This was a horrendous delay, and a highly embarrassing one for us.

Mr Harrison said the plane involved had suffered seven burst tyres during an aborted take-off at Bangor, Maine, 10 days ago. On return to

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Young girl's body found in Dorset

Police searching for Tiffany Hoiles, aged nine, who disappeared from her home in Blandford, Dorset, on Thursday, last night found the body of a young girl.

The discovery was made half a mile from Tiffany's home, near where her pink bicycle had been earlier recovered from dense undergrowth near a disused railway line.

She vanished after friends left her in a playing field of the Milldown Chuch of England middle school, Blandford, where she is a pupil.

When the girl failed to return to her home in Badbury Drive her father, Mr Michael Hoiles, and stepmother, Michaela, alerted police and joined in the search.

Volunteers filed into the town's police station all day offering to help in the search which began at first light, and about 90 joined in.

More time for inmate

Britain's longest-serving remand prisoner, who was aquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, will not be released from jail until next week. Kevin Fenlon, aged 29, spent more than two years in custody on a charge of robbery. The labourer, from Hornsey Rise, north London, was sent back to prison after he admitted a charge relating to cheques. He was sentenced to 12 months. Mr Peter Rigby, a partner in the firm representing Fenlon, said it was possible that he had served sufficient time to cover the sentence but prisoners had to carry out a "minimum" amount of time as a serving inmate before release.

Water purity warning

Privatized water companies will be free to reduce the quality of tap water, a union official claimed yesterday. Mr John Daly, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) said it had received a leaked draft of the privatization legislation which showed water quality standards would be left to committees on which the private sector would be heavily represented. The Department of the Environment rejected the claims, saying companies would have to conform to EEC standards.

TV-am seeks viewers

TV-am has appointed a new advertising agency in an attempt to attract more viewers. Yellowhammer will spearhead a campaign aimed at people who have never watched early morning television. TV-am's audience is 15 million a week - more than a million up on last year. Mr Bruce Gyngell, managing director, said yesterday: "We presently reach a third of the UK population each week, with 75 per cent of the breakfast audience tuning into TV-am. However, there are another 20 million potential viewers out there."

Prison talks break up

Talks in the dispute over manning levels at Holloway women's prison, north London, between the Prison Officers' Association and local management, adjourned without agreement last night. The national executive committee will meet again on Monday. However, Miss Jackie Mobbs, a member of the executive, said she was not hopeful about the possibility of a rapid solution.

Wife foils robbery

A banker's wife who was bound hand and foot yesterday escaped to raise the alarm and foil a robbery at a branch of the TSB in Portsmouth, where her husband is assistant manager. Two armed men forced their way into the couple's home early yesterday, and tied up Mrs Moira Snair, aged 40. One remained behind, while the second ordered her husband, Michael, also 40, to drive him to the bank. But Mrs Snair freed herself and telephoned the police. A man was detained and a second was being sought last night.

Hurd crackdown as incidence of rural violence grows

Swift justice to fight hooliganism

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Youths accused of rowdy and drunken behaviour in rural towns will be brought to justice at the first opportunity under a crackdown announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd, acting in response to growing concern at outbreaks of violence in normally peaceful areas, told the police and courts that procedures should be speeded up to give priority to cases involving vandalism, drunkenness, public disorder and violence.

He said that where possible the cases would be heard on the first day of court sittings after an incident of disorder. He ordered the preparation of detailed local contingency plans by the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, court clerks and magistrates, the probation service and defence solicitors, to be put immediately into operation if violence occurs.

If necessary, the need to bring people accused of violent disorder before the courts quickly will mean other cases could be delayed. It is hoped that alleged offenders will be brought to court the next morning after spending the night in a cell.

Mr Hurd said rapid action was needed to deal with outbreaks of disorder and hooliganism. "Culprits need to be dealt with quickly to deter them from offending again.

"Quick action in the courts will also show other potential offenders that this sort of behaviour is not to be tolerated. In such cases, swift justice is good justice", he said.

Ministers accept that increasing cases of drunken violence, particularly in Conservative areas of the South-east, could become a serious political problem for the Government. Mr Hurd's action is aimed at allaying some of the concern that has been building up in advance of the Tory conference in October.

The guidance for the police and courts was drawn up in consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service, the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Justices' Clerks Society.

It calls for contingency plans, designed to bring alleged offenders before the courts quickly, to be drawn up in writing and made available to all the agencies involved, each of which should nominate a person to take charge of putting the plan into effect.

Where the police judge that a situation meets the criteria agreed for the introduction of locally-determined special procedures, they should inform the court clerks and prosecutors that people have been arrested who should be brought to court quickly.

The courts will be made ready to hear the cases, the Crown Prosecution Service will quickly review them and consult with the police over the nature of charges to be brought. The contingency plans will provide for the police to notify the probation and social services, and the media, and for the clerk to the justices to notify the magistrates, prosecutors, court staff and duty solicitors.

The guidance emphasizes that the accused person's basic rights must not be overlooked. It proposes that the number of persons brought before the court at any one time should be kept at a minimum because of the risk of disruption in the courtroom.

In the event of prolonged incidents which might take a lot of court time, consideration should be given to the appointment of an acting stipendiary magistrate to cut any delay.

The guidance suggests that special arrangements may need to be taken to maintain security in and around court buildings. It says that when people brought to court under special procedures are fined there should be firm enforcement to ensure that the deterrent effect is not lost.

TUC in move to end dispute at Coca-Cola

By Roland Rudd

The TUC yesterday called an urgent meeting of the two biggest unions to try and resolve the dispute over a single-union agreement at the proposed Coca-Cola and Schweppes bottling plant at Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

An overtime ban by members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at the company's 26 plants in Britain will be held this weekend in protest at alleged breaches of their national agreement.

The transport union reported the Amalgamated Engineering Union to the TUC disputes committee for signing a single-union agreement with Coca-Cola in defiance of union rules, precipitating the most serious inter-union crisis since the electricans' suspension.

The engineers reported the transport union to the TUC yesterday for taking industrial action over the issue, which is prohibited after a union formally lodges a complaint against another union. The meeting between the unions next Monday will be chaired by Mr John Monks, TUC deputy general secretary. In a separate move, Mr Bob Harrison, TGWU national secretary for food and drink, said the union would consider stepping up its action if the company did not agree to reopen negotiations.

● An improved offer was made yesterday by Vickers to end a nine-week strike by 13,000 shipyard workers at Barrow, Cumbria, after an earlier offer was rejected.

The offer by Vickers was made at a meeting in London to national officers of a committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. It was described by a union official as "only very slightly improved." Details of the offer are to be given to shop stewards in the town next week.

Last week the strikers rejected an offer of £200 plus five extra days' pay to end their strike, and allow for a fixed summer shutdown to start at the yard in 1990.

● A strike by workers over pay closed the Plessey factory at Cowes, Isle of Wight, yesterday.

Thatchers take time off



Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her husband, Denis, on the cliff top at Constantine Bay, near Padstow, Cornwall, yesterday on the first day of their 10-day holiday. The Prime Minister had clearly decided to put business behind her. When a reporter questioned her on the Iran situation she turned abruptly and walked away, saying "I am so sorry – goodbye".

Police in drive on terrorist rackets

By Ronald Faux

A drive against Mafia-style rackets in Northern Ireland has helped to cut the funds that fuel both Republican and Protestant terrorism.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Northern Ireland Office are promoting the scheme with newspaper advertisements in Belfast.

They show the hooded head of a terrorist and invite anyone who knows about rackets to give information anonymously on a free telephone line. Calls are taped at RUC headquarters and information passed to detectives or security forces for action.

More than 3,800 calls have been received on the bank of automatic answering machines since the lines opened four months ago. Many were abusive, mischievous or malicious but 400 have given positive leads or helped with particular investigations.

An RUC officer said: "People are more prepared to talk to the concrete wall of an answering machine".

Special branch investigations suggest that the IRA raises between £3 million and £5 million a year from protection rackets and that Protestant groups use the same techniques to fund their cause.

The RUC believes the factions have agreed territorial boundaries for the rackets.

● An IRA suspect who faces charges under the Irish Republic's *Official Secrets Act* was allowed bail yesterday by the High Court in Dublin.

Peter Anthony Rooney, aged 33, is charged with membership of the IRA and with giving a false name and address to police who arrested him in Cork on a ferry from France.

The case was adjourned to Dublin District Court today to examine the credentials of the two men standing bail of £5,000 each.

● A court in Brussels, Belgium, ordered Patrick Ryan, a suspected IRA sympathizer, to be detained for another month yesterday on charges of holding false identity papers.

● A car bomb exploded yesterday afternoon outside the law courts in the centre of Belfast. It caused no injury or damage to the building in Chichester Street.

Brothers sneak on to holiday jet

Two brothers, aged seven and eight, evaded security and customs checks to board a holiday jet bound from Manchester to Lanzarote.

The boys climbed out of their bedroom window and down a drainpipe and spent Wednesday night under a bush in the grounds of a fire station. Then they caught three buses, without paying, until they reached the airport.

Once there, they evaded passport control by closely following a childless couple; walked with holidaymakers towards gate 22 and a flight to Malta; then boarded Air 2000 flight AMM 240 for Lanzarote, in spite of having no boarding passes.

They were discovered on the aircraft looking through a flight magazine only after a stewardess did a head-count when two passengers on the fully-booked flight could not find seats.

The airport said an urgent inquiry was under way.

The two boys are the subject of council care orders.

Diary of a pilot

Controllers 'cause the holiday chaos'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A charter airline captain, who spent last week on a constant shuttle between Britain and Mediterranean holiday destinations, spoke last night of his "terrible frustration" at the delays caused by air traffic controllers along the routes.

"We all get tired", said Captain Bernie Clack, aged 59, who flies a Boeing 767 for Britannia Airways, "but that is not the real problem. The major problem is the frustration that so often occurs when we are told there are delays when there is absolutely no reason for them. The controllers down the route simply give us no information and it is that which puts the pressure on us.

He added: "Tiredness is a natural function and often you have to be tired to get a good night's sleep. A lot of the alleged incidents which have been reported recently are really down to bad airmanship and people seem to want to find an excuse. They then blame tiredness, or fatigue."

Captain Clack's week began when he left his home near Luton at 4.30pm on Saturday to be taken by taxi to Manchester. He arrived two-and-a-half hours later and was then officially off duty.

On Sunday he had to be up at 6am for a planned 7.25 departure for Malaga, and was shaving when the airline's operations room rang to tell him there would be a two-hour delay. That enabled him to have a more leisurely breakfast, off duty, before checking in.

A routine turnaround saw him back at Manchester at 6 pm. But he was still not off duty. A coach was waiting to take him and the rest of the crew to Newcastle. They arrived at 9pm and checked in to a hotel. His next reporting time was 12.45 on Monday for a flight to Gerona.

That arrived back at Manchester at 7pm and it was back into the hotel only 50 yards from the airport.

On Tuesday, he had to reported at 12.55 for a flight from Manchester to Rhodes which got back at 11.30pm. By the time he was in the hotel, it was nearly midnight but he had the whole night and most of the next day off.

On Wednesday, he reported at 11.30pm to fly to Corfu arriving back at 6.20 on Thursday morning. With his body clock now out of gear, he had to sleep during the day until 5pm when a taxi was waiting to take him back to Luton, a trip during which he was technically on duty.

Back home, he now has two days off before starting the whole cycle again with a taxi drive to Manchester.

Although Britannia operates mainly from Luton, its 767 fleet flies mainly from Manchester or Newcastle and with only four months to go until he retires, it is now too late for Captain Clack to move North.

"Perhaps I should have done it ten years ago", he said. "But many of us have to make the journeys to airports a long way from our homes because that is where the company operates from.

"I sometimes regret that I don't see my family as much as I would like but I am doing a job which I love and for which I am contracted.

"I don't know anyone among our 500 pilots who would ever fiddle their logs and I am certain the company would back us if we said we were tired and would not extend our working day by the three hours which we are permitted to do by law."

Tour firm announces compensation deal

£100 offer for flight delays

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Compensation of £100 for every adult passenger delayed for 12 hours or more at British airports, regardless of the reason, is promised to tourists next year by Redwing Holidays.

A deal announced yesterday by Redwing's managing director, Mr Vic Fatah, applies to Sovereign, Enterprise and Sunmed Go Greek and Go Turkey holidays. Prices will rise up to two per cent.

The compensation is the most generous offered so far and coming from the fourth largest package holiday operator may prove influential. Redwing's biggest rival, Thomson Holidays, said: "We're stunned. If we had paid compensation at that rate this summer it would have cost about £6 million."

Mr Fatah said: "Our objective is to provide quality holidays that live up to the promise of the brochure. It is clear that price is no longer enough of an enticement to venture abroad."

Twenty-two per cent of all scheduled flights between European airports were delayed by more than 15 minutes in June as the number of charter passengers soared, the Brussels-based Association of European Airlines revealed yesterday.

Holidaymakers should get away on time, Britain's airports said yesterday. However, a British Airways flight due to arrive at Gatwick airport from St Lucia at 6.45am yesterday, was not expected to land until 5.05pm last night because of the knock-on effect caused by engine failure on an earlier flight. A Continental Airways flight from Newark landed three hours late at 1.25pm

Manchester: A Britania Airways flight to Ibiza was delayed for almost two hours. It was expected to leave at 2.20pm, but did not take off until 4.15pm. An Amber Air flight to Mikanos was due to take off at 10.15am, but did not leave until 12.50pm. A Britannia Airways flight from Ibiza was due to arrive at 8.20pm, but was not expected to arrive until 10.10pm.

Birmingham: A Yugoslavian Airways flight to Pula was delayed for two and a half hours yesterday. It was due to leave at 5.30pm, but was not expected to leave until 8pm. A Yugoslavian Airways arrival from Dubrovnik was delayed for two and a half hours. It was due to arrive at 4.45pm, but not expected until 7.15pm. A British Air Tours flight from Mahon was scheduled to arrive at 2.15pm, but did not arrive until 5.05pm.

Luton: A Britania Airways departure to Ibiza was due to leave at 6.15pm, but was delayed until 9.40pm. A British Island Airways flight to Milan was two hours and a quarter late.

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Lawyers' union fears for the future of legal aid

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The union representing lawyers in the government legal service is givign a warning that the new Legal Aid Act 1988 could "undermine the purpose of the legal aid system" which enables "those with small or moderate means to obtain access to justice".

The First Division Association has expressed its "grave concern" in a motion tabled for debate at the TUC conference in Bournemouth next month.

The assocation is urging the Government to spend more money on legal aid. It is only in this way that an efficient and adequately staffed service can be provided, it says.

Miss Sue Corby, the association's assistant general secretary, said: "We are concerned that without substantial extra resources, an overstretched legal aid administration will become even more overburdened, leading to greater delays and backlogs".

It calls on the TUC General Council to monitor the workings of the act.

In a second motion tabled for debate, the FDA condemns the Government's White Paper on official secrets and says it is a "thoroughly inadequate response to public concern about excessive secrecy in government".

It would leave "too much information subject to the criminal law" and "do nothing to improve public access to information", the FDA says First, the association wants a public interest defence and second, a requirement that the prosecution show harm to the public interest in all cases, rather than relying on the assumption that disclosure of some categories of information is automatically harmful.

However, it welcomes the proposals to leave to a jury the task of deciding whether a disclosure has harmed the national interest.

● Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, has been urged by the Law Society – the professional body for solicitors in England and Wales – to improve the position of refugees in the United Kingdom which, the society maintains, falls short of the United Nations' convention on refugees.

In a letter to the minister, Mr Henry Hodge, chairman of the society's legal services committee, says refugees should be treated fairly in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

Union uses screech alarms to woo more women

By Roland Rudd

Women who join Britain's biggest trade union are being offered a screech alarm, a comprehensive guide to fending off muggers and advice on coping with obstreperous and inebriated men.

The Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday launched a campaign to recruit women who may be at risk from violence at work, home or on the streets.

Police are supporting the union initiative, which will include a video presentation on safety precautions and detailed advice on reducing the risk of assault at work.

The screech alarm and the leaflet on how to minimize the risk of attack are the latest in a series of attempts by the transport union to shed its masculine image in favour of a softer public perception.

Two months ago, the union offered women a new range of goods, such as scarves, tea towels and cutlery.

The latest campaign is intended to attract women in the hotel, catering and cleaning industries, who often work unsocial hours and are most at risk from attack. Next week the union will hold an information day in York on how to avoid being assaulted.

Mr Richard Jowett, campaign coordinator, said: "We want the public to realize our union is no longer about macho men standing in front of braziers on strike. Women who join our union will find we spend most of our time improving their terms and conditions of employment." The campaign also aims to inform women workers of their rights with regard to materaity benefits, employment and equal opportunity law. Union members are posting leaflets at workplaces with more detailed information on what the union can offer women.

They account for 16 per cent of the union's 1,377,944 members. In a document entitled *Forward with the TGWU*, the union emphasizes the importance of increasing the number of women members as the private service sector continues to replace traditional primary industries as the biggest source of employment opportunities.

The document says the union "must adapt itself to attract and offer a service to women, young people and the ethnic minorities – social groups with low levels of union membership".

The new service, which forms part of the union's link-up campaign to take the trade union message to different groups of workers, is seen as an attempt by the union to meet the changes in employment trends of the 1980s and beyond.

Mr David Bradley, union district organizer, said: "While we hope this campaign will recait new members into the union, its real purpose is to illustrate that our role is not confined to industrial relations, but reaches out to the community as a whole.

"We are determined to take positive steps to secure the safety of women, whether at work or at home."

Mestel wins British chess championship

An early draw in 11 moves with the international master, William Watson, proved sufficient for grand master Jonathan Mestel to win the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championship at Blackpool yesterday.

Grand master Glenn Flear and international master Julian Hodgson, needed to win to tie first place but Hodgson lost to grand master N Murshed and Flear drew against international master A Kosten.

Round 11: W Watson, J Mestel ½; J Hodgson 0, N Murshed 1; G Flear, A Kosten ½; P Motwani, D Norwood ½; M Adams 1, J Pigott 0; J Cooper 0, M Hebden 1; V Anand 1, G Morrison 0; C Pritchett 0, K Arkell 1; P Wells 0, V Knox 1; P Hempson 0, M Pein 1; M Orr, P Morris ½; Mrs S. Arkell 0, N McDonald 1; T Upton 1, Dr J Miles 0; G Crawley 0, G Quillan 1; P Giulian, L Cooper ½; C Ward, M Lyell ½; G Burgess, D Coleman ½; A Mack, S D Singh ½; D Knox 0, P Hutchinson 1; N Carton 1, R Freeman 0; J Fraser-Mitchell 0, M Hennigan 1.

Adjourned game Round 10: Lyell 0, Pritchett 1. Leading scores: Mestel 8½, Flear, Murshed 8, Chandler 7 and one unfinished.

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Police appeal to Chinese community for names of other gang members

Four are jailed after Triad extortion case

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Three members of Britain's largest Triad secret society group were convicted at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of trying to extort thousands of pounds from a Chinese shop owner using beatings and the threat of *mutilation*.

Siu Sum Cheung, aged 36, of Seymour Close, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hampshire, was jailed for four years. Tin Leung Wong, aged 33, of the same address, was jailed for 30 months. The third man, Sau Yin Cheung, aged 30, of Old Farm Way, Harlington, Portsmouth, was jailed for 18 months and his *girlfriend*, Patty Chan, aged 40, of the same address, was jailed for nine months.

All four were found guilty of conspiring to demand money with menaces from a prosperous local Chinese vegetable distributor, Mr Fu Wing Chan, who is no relation to Miss Chan.

The two Cheungs and Miss Chan were cleared of causing Mr Chan grievous bodily harm, but found guilty of causing *him* actual bodily harm. Passing sentence, Judge Ian Starforth-Hill, QC, said it was Miss Chan who had started it all because of an alleged debt.

The judge said that instead of doing what any decent and honest citizen of this country would do, and go to law with her grievance, she had called in her friends and, no doubt, knew what they proposed to do.

They were caught by a police operation which uncovered a string of other extortions and the spread of Triad activities along the south coast by two groups.

Detectives acknowlege that other Triad figures involved with the men convicted yesterday remain at large because members of the Chinese community could not follow *his example and are silent for* fear of reprisals.

Det Supt Keith Akerman, the man in charge of the investigation, yesterday issued a renewed call for help. He said: "We are satisfied we have identified elements within the Chinese community who are using the perceived threat of the Triad *history as a means to extract* money and goods from law-abiding Chinese citizens."

The case at Winchester centred on a dispute over the lease of a Chinese take-away *shop in Drayton, Portsmouth*, owned by Mr Chan. In 1986 he decided not to renew a 10-year lease held by Miss Chan and offered her £10,000 in lieu of the goodwill.

Half the money was paid, but Mr Chan did not pay the rest because of the poor state of the shop.

Last year he was summoned to a Chinese restaurant in Portsmouth and met by Tin Leung Wong and Siu Sum Cheung. Wong told him unless he paid up he would have an arm or a leg cut off. The shop owner asked for time to pay but was called back to the restaurant two days later, to be greeted by Miss Chan, Siu Sum Cheung and Sau Yin Cheung, her boy friend.

Mr Chan was told the woman could not wait for her money and warned him he might soon be dead. He was beaten, kicked and his nose was broken by the two men. Now he had to pay £5,000 to Miss Chan and £3,600 to her aides. The number 36 is a significant number for Triad members because they take 36 oaths of allegiance.

The police were told of the threat and a hidden tape recorder was placed on Mr Chan when he went to pay the money over in a Wimpy bar in Portsmouth. During the conversation the two Cheungs told the shop owner they were Triad members.

When detectives moved in, they discovered paraphernalia



Det Supt Keith Akerman, who led the investigation.

and poems at a home shared by Siu Sum Cheung and Wong.

The threats began last year after Wong arrived in the area and the key to the attacks may *be Wong, who arrived in the* area during the Chinese New Year celebrations. He had been living in Merseyside and Strathclyde, both areas of strong Triad activity.

Miss Chan is not thought to be a Triad member and officially the other three are thought to be junior members, ranked with the code of "49". But there is speculation that Wong, who has the nickname of "Chung Mo", or "long hair", may be a senior Triad "soldier".



The Chinese restaurant in Portsmouth where the beatings and extortion threats took place and, right, the take-away originally leased to Miss Chan.

Criminal 'dynasty' establishes power in Britain

By Our Crime Reporter



Three of the convicted, from left: Siu Sum Cheung, Sau Yin Cheung and Patty Chan.

Police intelligence experts put the Triad membership in Britain at little more than 500 but their influence within the Chinese community and their potential power far outstrips numerical strength.

The Triads are active in at least a dozen major cities and towns, and their numbers could grow in the next decade when mainland China regains Hong Kong where there are an estimated 80,000 Triad members.

The dozens of Triad groups and gangs operating in the Far East, Europe and North America have their origins in the corruption of a nationalistic *mutual protection society* formed in a peasant culture. Originally there was one Triad Society, created in the seventeenth century with the aim of overthrowing the Ch'ing usurpers of the imperial throne and re-establishing the Ming emperors. Now there are dozens of groupings.

They are bound together as a blood brotherhood through a secret ritual, and membership includes women who, in Britain, have reached middle or even senior rank.

They are part of gangs which consist not only of tough "soldiers" and "enforcers", but ruthless businessmen using intimidation to collect debts or obliterate rivals, and are difficult to detect because they are protected by the close-knit nature of Chinese communities.

A national police conference earlier this year was told that unless police take action, Triad crime will eventually spread beyond the Chinese community, especially through links with high-grade heroin suppliers from South-east Asia.

In New York, police say they have become the dominant factor in the heroin trade, supplying a drug of three or four times higher quality than the Mafia product and taking 70 per cent of the market.

Australian investigators believe the Triads are responsible for 90 per cent of the heroin reaching that country and, in the Netherlands, police have been fighting Triad drug groups with links across Europe.

Vicious battles have erupted between a Triad group known as the Tai Huen Chai, the Big Circle Gang, and another known as the 14K. Tai membership, which includes many former Red Guards, is put at anything from a hundred to a thousand and they are noted for being particularly brutal, whipping one victim with barbed wire.

So far the Tai have not infiltrated Britain but the 14K, once regarded as the toughest gang, have been here for years and are credited with having groups in Bristol and Plymouth.

The largest single Triad group in Britain is the Wo Shing Wo, which has operations in London, Glasgow, Portsmouth, Southampton, Manchester, Newport and Coventry.

A third group, known as the Wo On Lok, also has interests in Britain and activity has been detected in Liverpool, Nottingham and west London.

Triad interests revolve round the control or protection of traditional Chinese businesses and gambling, to which many Chinese are addicted. The Triads will either run gambling clubs or demand a hefty sum from the takings. In London, they have been linked to loan sharking.

Chinese film shows and video sales are also fair game, offering high profits from an audience seeking entertainment in its own language.

Wealthy businessmen or their relatives have been kidnapped in Britain by Triads to raise funds. Families rarely go to the police but a London impresario held by Triad businessmen over a debt was freed by Manchester police in 1986 after his brother raised the alarm.

Businesses will be induced to contribute a percentage of their earnings or buy from Triad suppliers and those who argue or refuse can face dire repurcussions. Armed with short choppers or knives, the Triads, using "soldiers" often trained behind the scenes in kung fu schools, will take quick and bloody revenge.

Attacks often occur in the street, at restaurants or meeting places to show the particluar Triad group's public power.

Rivalry over territory can erupt into violent battles between each Triad group's warriors. A Wo Shing Wo leader attacked in Manchester in 1985 received seven cleaver wounds to his head, a fractured skull and needed 27 pints of blood in a transfusion.

Earlier this year, fresh trouble broke out in the Midlands and Yorkshire between Wo Shing Wo and Wo On Lok over the control of video businesses. "Soldiers" from each Triad gang were attacked in a series of tit-for-tat battles which left a trail of fighters with slashed and mutilated bodies.

On such occasions extra fighters may be imported from Hong Kong, slipped into Britain from Europe or the Channel Islands. One gang in London imported a score of fighters several years ago when it feared attack.

The police response is a network of experts and a growing index of intelligence in many cities. With only a handful of Chinese police officers in British forces there is little chance of infiltration and the alternative is lengthy surveillance operations or the help of the Chinese community.

There is unease among Triad leaders in some cities that senior figures in Hong Kong may try to take over the profitable operations they run in Britain. The result could be a bloody civil war.

Promising jockey killed in car crash

The National Hunt jockey, Paul Croucher, died in a car crash as he drove to his home *in Lambourn, Berkshire*, early yesterday morning. He was 27.

His Ford Orion car left the road, hit a tree and burst into flames just outside the village of Chaddleworth, Berkshire. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

News of his death shocked the racing town of Lambourn where Croucher lived with his *girl friend*, Miss Tanya Davis, also a jockey.

He had been racing at Newton Abbot on Thursday while Miss Davis had travelled to Uttoxeter for the evening meeting. She went to the scene of the accident when told the news.

Croucher, who was a promising jockey, enjoyed his best season last term, finishing tenth in the championship with 51 winners. He rode his first Cheltenham Festival winner, Aquilifer, in the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase

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Fume deaths

Two men died yesterday after being overcome by fumes in a 160 ft shaft, at Green Lanes, Finsbury Park, north London. Mr Clive Walker and Mr James McCotter worked for Thames Water.

Libyan leaves

El Hadi Isfa Grada, the Libyan alleged to have been a spy, left Britain last night after being ordered out of the country by the Home Office. His *British wife*, Teresa, and their two children are expected to join him in Libya.

Driver jailed

Peter Mussell, of New Milton, Hampshire, who caused a death by dangerous driving for the second time in 11 years, was yesterday jailed for a year, banned from driving for 10 *years and ordered to take* another driving test

Whitelaw lore

The memoirs of Lord Whitelaw, *who resigned as Leader of* the Lords and deputy Prime Minister last January after a stroke, will be published next summer and serialized in *The Sunday Times*.

Balcony death

A British couple are flying home after the death of their daughter, Hannah Bartz, aged 12, *from Cardiff, South* Glamorgan, who fell to her death from the balcony of an hotel at the seaside resort of Gumbet in Turkey.

Funeral crash

Mrs Elizabeth Lowis, aged 79, was run over by a funeral car shortly after she returned from her husband's burial yes*terday. The accident happened* outside her home in Guildford Road, Lightwater, Surrey. Her conditon is described as critical.

Drunk in jet

A Gulf oil company engineer was fined £1,000 at Uxbridge Magistrates Court yesterday for being drunk on board a Tri-Star aircraft at Heathrow. George McCormack, aged 47, of Earles Hill, Cumbernauld, is to appeal.

Higgs to talk

Dr Marietta Higgs, the paediatrician, will be publicly questioned and discuss her central role in the Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis during a seminar at Hull University on September 12.

Inspector 'in illegal share deal'

A married police inspector put pressure on his mistress, a policewoman, to make money for him with an illegal shares application, a court was told yesterday.

"He was my senior officer; he told me to sign it and I signed it", WPC Jane Rafferty, aged 27, told Bow Street Court, *central London*.

Insp Dennis Riley, aged 47, stationed at Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, denies five charges of making illegal applications for British Airports Authority shares in July last year.

Insp Riley, a policeman for nearly 24 years and now suspended from duty, used his superiority to make his unmarried lover sign forms in her own name and that of her son, Richard, aged two, the prosecution alleged.

WPC Rafferty, who is suffering from a dislocated toe and cracked ribs after an assault on duty, said the former fraud squad officer told her "it was not legally wrong but it was morally wrong" to sign the forms.

Insp Riley, a father of two, typed the documents in his station office and made a £600 cheque out to her, she said.

Her parents also agreed to *sign applications* because of their daughter's awkward position, Mr Michael Langdon, said for the prosecution.

Insp Riley made about £100 profit from 400 shares in the Rafferty name, said Mr Langdon.

"No profit was ever accounted for to the WPC or her family and nor did they expect *any such profit to be* accounted for to them", he added.

Insp Riley, who lost £22,000 in last October's stock market crash, said his affair with WPC Rafferty began at a party but it later ended.

He insisted he had no intention of keeping the Rafferty family profits but went through a *traumatic* time when his shares crashed from £35,000 to £13,000.

"I don't take risks with my livelihood and the welfare of my family for a few shillings", he said.

"At the time it could have been said I was doing nicely, thank you. I wouldn't need to do that for a hundred pounds."

The case continues.

High-life GP's £1.5m debt

A doctor accumulated debts of more than £1.5 million *through his high-spending life*style, a bankruptcy hearing was told yesterday.

Dr Robert Wells had girl friends "queueing up" to go out with him, drove fast cars and took *his holidays abroad*, the public bankruptcy examination at Newport County Court, Gwent, was told.

The doctor, of Dunnet House, Jerusalem Lane, Pontypool, showered his girl friends with gifts, buying dresses costing up to £800 each. He bought an expensive watch from Harrods for one whose name he could not remember.

However, his extravagant lifestyle caught up with him when three companies with which he was associated crashed, owing more than £1.3 million. The hearing was told that Dr Wells, aged 36, was left with personal liabilities of £1,546,000.

He had tried to supplement his £35,000-a-year salary by starting a doctor's deputising service, a pharmaceutical *wholesalers and a property* development company. But all the businesses failed, leaving debts of £1,328,000.

Dr Wells had resigned from his practice in Caerleon, Gwent, after being declared bankrupt in January, the hearing was told.

Despite his business difficulties, the doctor continued *with his lavish way of life*, and built up debts with 21 credit card and loan companies.

Dr Wells said he had had at least five girl friends in the past year and admitted: "I had *them queueing up for me*". He denied his lifestyle had been excessive and said: "I think spending £800 on a dress is reasonable — nothing extravagant".

The GP, who arrived for the hearing in a Toyota MR2 sports car, also had a company Porsche when he was working *for the property development* firm.

Dr Wells also took frequent holidays in Tenerife and twice replaced musical instruments, worth £1,500, when they were *stolen from his collection*.

The hearing was adjourned for three months for further inquiries. The Recorder, Mr Francis Dunford, told Dr Wells: "You are living in the clouds. Perhaps you should *have stuck to medicine*."

Dr Well,s who is now working as a locum in Brighton, ran from the court and would not comment on the hearing.

'Torch' jury told of final kiss

A labourer accused of setting his estranged wife on fire in a fit of jealousy broke down at the Central Criminal Court yesterday as he described how she gave him a final kiss as her clothes burnt. She died later.

David Holmes, aged 47, *said: "She put her arms round* me and gave me a kiss on my cheek". He said she then told him: "I know you love me but you don't need to do this to me".

Mr Holmes added: "Her dress was a nylon sticky mess. I took my shirt off to stop it smouldering."

He said he had not meant to hurt his estranged wife, Elaine, aged 24, or her friend, Mr Alan Trowbridge, aged 29, when he found them together at his former Surrey home. He denies murdering them both *last September*.

The prosecution alleges that after being jilted Mr Holmes doused the couple with petrol and set fire to them after finding them in the flat in in Frenches Way, Horsell. Both died from "horrific" burns a few days later.

Mr Holmes said he had gone to his former flat with a bottle filled with petrol to commit suicide by burning both himself and the flat. He had been driven to it by his estranged wife's behaviour.

He said Mr Trowbridge had moved into the flat after he separated from his wife, but had his own bedroom.

"I decided to go to the flat and set fire to it and myself. I wanted Elaine to see how much she had hurt me and what she had finally driven me to."

Mr Holmes denied his attitude was that if he could not have her, no one else would. "I just wanted to do away with myself at the time."

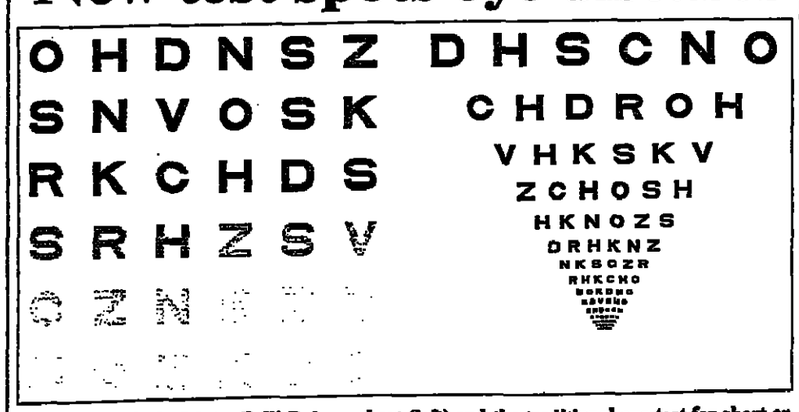
He said he kicked the door open. Seeing thw couple inside, he told them: "I want you out of here", and pointed at them with the bottle of petrol.

His estranged wife snatched at the neck of the bottle and there was a scuffle, with petrol spilling out. "I said to them, 'You can see the danger we are in now — get out of here'. There was a great flash which *knocked Elaine off her feet*." He then picked her up.

Once outside the flat Mr Holmes said he told Elaine to stay where she was and went back to the front door, but could not get in to see where Mr Trowbridge was. He returned to Elaine and picked her up. She had put her arms round him and kissed his cheek.

The trial continues.

New test spots eye diseases



The progressively fainter Pelli-Robson chart (left) and the traditional eye test for short or long-sightedness.

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

An eye test chart that detects signs of disease rather than short or long-sightedness is being tried out at research centres in Oxford, London and Bradford.

The new method is designed to reveal early tell-tale signs of cataracts, glaucoma, brain tumours and other disorders that cause damage to the eye.

The chart developed by Dr *John Robson*, a neurophysiologist at Cambridge University, and Dr Denis Pelli, a neuroscientist at Syracuse University in New York, differs from the conventional eye test using an inverted pyramid of letters that get progressively smaller.

All the letters in the Pelli-Robson chart are the same size, but each line gets fainter, so a person's ability to detect gradual changes in contrast can be checked.

Details of the invention, which could be in routine use by opticians and in doctors' surgeries in about four years' time are published in this week's *New Scientist*.

Unlike the traditional test, which checks the mechanical competence of the eye to focus images sharply on the cells of the retina at the back of the eye, the new method shows when these cells are becoming damaged. Damage to cells of the retina is an early symptom of many diseases.

One of the difficulties for the inventors was to devise an easy scheme for creating rows of letters with very small changes in contrast.

At the bottom of the chart, which defies printing by newspaper technology, the very low contrast letters are only 1 per cent darker than the white background.

The scientists produced their chart, which consists of letters 5 cm high — the same size as the biggest letters on the conventional chart — by using a computer-driven laser printer to print dots one-thirtieth of a millimetre in diameter.

Hungerford tries to cope one year on

By Michael Horsnell

Hundreds of people caught up in the Hungerford massacre are still receiving counselling as the anniversary of the day when Michael Ryan killed 16 approaches.

Mr Tony Stacey, co-ordinator of a family unit set up within hours of the incident, said yesterday that social workers were continuing to help not only the wounded and relatives of the dead but witnesses to the incident.

Mr Stacey, a retired social worker, said the people of Hungerford regarded Ryan, who shot himself before he could be arrested, either as a monster or as a sad, pathetic figure.

Many still found it difficult to pass someone in the street dressed in the kind of clothes he wore that day, and many had arranged holidays to be away next Friday, the anniversay of the massacre.

The unit, established by Berkshire County Council, has cost £32,000 to run and will continue to offer assistance. "It will take a long time for some to absorb what has happened and get back to a steady state", Mr Stacey said.

About £1.2 million was paid into a fund to help victims and the bereaved.

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Appeal to prevent 'horrifying' results of multiple births

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors who help infertile couples to produce test tube babies must do more to prevent the "horrifying" potential consequences of multiple births, but they face ethical and legal problems, the *British Medical Journal* says in a leading article today.

In contrast to the happy image of multiple births, the reality is often starkly different, with death rates in early infancy higher than 20 per cent, and serious health problems frequently affecting the mothers, Professor Peter Howie says in the article.

Many of the babies who survive are born prematurely and are likely to suffer serious physical or mental handicaps.

"The social, financial and emotional strains consequent on multiple births may be devastating, especially if one or more of the children are handicapped," Professor Howie says. He is professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee.

He says multiple births can cause overcrowding in special care baby units in hospitals, hindering the units' ability to provide the best service.

The incidence of triplets, quadruplets and higher-order pregnancies has risen sharply in recent years, partly due to some of the techniques of in vitro fertilization.

"Doctors participating in assisted reproduction have a responsibility to ensure that they limit high order multiple pregnancy to an absolute minimum", Professor Howie says.

However, such cases will still occur and the couples need help to decide on the best course of action. Many couples will accept the risks and continue with the pregnancy, while others may opt to terminate the entire pregnancy.

The third option, Professor Howie says, is selective reduction of pregnancy, first used when one twin had a foetal abnormality and was aborted, allowing the other to continue to term.

The practice has been adopted by some infertility specialists but is surrounded by difficult ethical and legal problems.

The Voluntary Licensing Authority, the watchdog group which monitors the work of IVF clinics, has warned doctors that selective reduction could result in criminal proceedings under the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act. That says it is an offence "to procure a miscarriage."

One interpretation of the 1967 Abortion Act is that selective reduction does not "terminate a pregnancy" and that doctors therefore would not be protected by it.

"This is one of the many medical topics in which the law is far from clear and it is a matter of justice that doctors should know where they stand", Professor Howie says.

"In some respects the ethics of selective reduction overlap with those of therapeutic abortion, and people who oppose abortion on principle will find selective reduction equally abhorrent.

"On the other hand, many people who might otherwise support abortion may regard the creation of pregnancy followed by its immediate destruction as exhibiting an unacceptable disrespect for early human life."

The practice is an example of technical advance moving ahead of public opinion, Professor Howie says, and open discussion of the obstetric, legal and ethical issues is needed before it can be fully accepted.

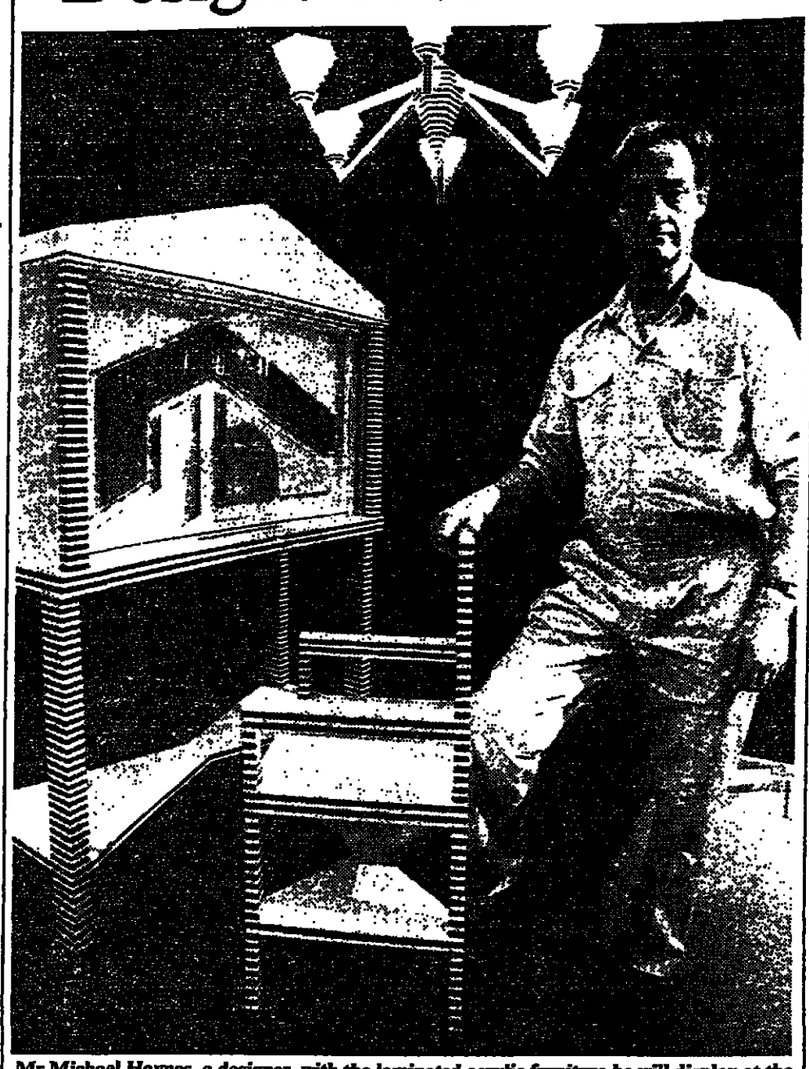
"Clearly prevention is better than cure and everything should be done to prevent the dilemma for parents in the first place.

"It may well come to be recognized, however, that selective foetal reduction is the humane option for some couples faced with the horrifying potential consequences of multiple births."

According to Professor Howie, there is no information available on the emotional consequences of selective reduction on the mother or the surviving children.

Initially mothers may feel relief after the operation but they may later have feelings of guilt or bereavement. He recommends careful medical follow-up.

Designs of tomorrow



Mr Michael Haynes, a designer, with the laminated acrylic furniture he will display at the first of an annual exhibition of work by contemporary craftsmen and women, which opens at Sotheby's next Wednesday. Mr Haynes put together the 400-piece exhibition, but will not compete for the £10,000 prize for the best object in six sections. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Abolition of Ilea

Councils given six months to plan takeover

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The inner London boroughs have been given until next February to outline their plans for taking over the capital's schools from the Inner London Education Authority.

Under new guidelines issued yesterday by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, the boroughs will be given the right of veto in the appointment of headteachers to schools run by the inner London authority (Ilea) in the run up to its abolition in April 1990.

The guidelines state that the boroughs will be consulted on all Ilea proposals and be given a say in the appointment of all staff in educational positions.

Some of the boroughs have already appointed chief officers at salaries of about £42,000, considerably more than those paid to their counterparts in outer London.

The councils, in preparing their plans, should consult parents, teachers, headtachers, governing bodies, non-teaching staff, ethnic minority groups and neighbouring councils.

They will also have to make arrangements for competitive tendering for catering, cleaning, ground maintenance and transport.

All those councils taking over education from Ilea are being given extra funds to prepare for their new responsibilities.

They will receive £240,000 for 1988-89 with the exception of the City of London, which will receive £120,000. The figures for 1989-90 will range from a second award of £120,000 to the City of London to the £1 million being allocated to Greenwich.

The circular says, in what is seen as criticism of Ilea, that the changes "will provide a stable framework to secure urgently needed improvements and accountability of the education service in inner London".

However, it also "recognizes the important role of Ilea throughout the transitional period and welcomes the constructive approach

The circular says that the two London museums now run by Ilea, the Horniman in south London and the Geffrye in east London, should be established as independent trusts which generate funds from private sources as well as receiving grants from local and central government.

Supplies of educational equipment should continue to come from a central organization run by the London Residuary Body until the councils can agree on a new arrangement.

Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of Ilea, in responding to the announcement, last night criticized the amount of money being made available for the changes.

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University opens Japanese centre

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

A new centre for Japanese studies is to open at the University College of Cardiff, after it merges with the university's Institute of Science and Technology next month.

About half the £200,000 funding for the centre will come from a special government grant, in addition to the general allocation from the University Grants Committee.

Japanese companies have invested £170 million in South Wales since 1972, with such firms as Sony and Sharp employing more than 5,000 people in 19 different manufacturing units.

The remainder of the funding is being put up by the Julian Hodge Bank, AB electronics group of Abercynon, and South Glamorgan County Council.

Another area of high Japanese investment is also to have a Japanese cultural centre. The multi-million pound complex at Durham University will be financed by the Tokyo-based Teiko Univerity as a British extension for its students.

● Universities have a crucial role to play in ensuring that opportunities for improving living standards are not missed, Sir Terence Beckett, a former director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, told the Scottish-Nordic Universities Administrators conference at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh yesterday.

'Exemplary father' murdered baby son

A man who was described in court by a psychiatrist as an "exemplary father" was jailed for life yesterday for the murder of his baby son.

Glynne Jordan, aged 23, killed his son, Andrew, aged eight weeks, because of his constant crying.

Jordan, a cabinet maker and outstanding footballer who was once sought by several First Division clubs, was convicted by a jury at the Central Criminal Court after he had pleaded not guilty. He claimed the baby's injuries were an accident.

Andrew suffered a brain haemorrhage, split liver, several fractures to his ribs and internal bruising.

Mr Timothy Langdale, for the prosecution, said that Andrew was the son of Jordan, a West Indian, of Denmark Road, Camberwell, south London, and Panyiota Toouli, aged 17, a Greek Cypriot, who lived together in spite of objections from her parents. When the baby was born the couple were "over the moon", but their son could cry very loudly and Jordan, who had to get up early to go to work, soon lost his temper over having sleepless nights.

On the day of his death last November, the baby cried constantly. Jordan grabbed him, punched him in the stomach and shook him violently until his limbs flopped "like a rag doll". He tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but the child had suffered terrible injuries.

Mr Georges Khayat, for the defence, said Jordan was in love with Miss Toouli and devoted to their child, but faced many pressures from her family.

● A man who kicked his son aged two around like a football was jailed for three-and-a-half years yesterday.

The man from Basildon, Essex, who was not named to protect the child, attacked his son because of his constant whining, Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

Author is accused of stealing 2,000 books

By Michael Horsnell

Two hundred books stolen from one of Britain's most important private libraries three years ago are said to have turned up in the collection of Jerry Hasford, the American author and Vietnam war veteran.

They are among 2,000 books allegedly stolen by Hasford, aged 40, upon whose best seller the film *Full Metal Jacket* was based.

Haslam, who faces trial for theft in California, is seeking to make amends for the £2,390 loss from the London Library by offering it his collection of 10,000 books upon his death.

In return he wants the library to let him keep until then 80 of the volumes he is accused of stealing during a short period in 1985 when he subscribed to it while living in Bayswater, west London.

The library, whose chief librarian Mr Douglas Matthews has been subpoenaed to appear for the prosecution, yesterday described his offer as taking "sheer effrontery."

Mr Michael Higgins, his deputy, said: "Tickets had been signed for most of them. We wouldn't normally let that many books go out, but he borrowed them over a short period and when we caught up with the fact he had already departed. It is an extraordinary offer which Mr Hasford has made. We are now very hopeful of getting all the books back."

None of the books is rare, though some nineteenth century texts on the American Civil War are difficult to obtain. The missing books were located earlier this year when officials at California Polytechnic State University attempted to recover 87 outstanding books and unearthed more than 2,000 missing from libraries all over the world.

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Airlift gathering pace to help 1.5 million victims of Sudanese floods

Western agencies fear aid distribution is too slow

By Andrew McEwen in London and Andrew Buckoke in Nairobi

Western relief agencies yesterday expressed concern that aid is being distributed too slowly after its arrival in Khartoum, as an international airlift to bring relief to 1.5 million people made homeless by the massive Sudanese floods gathered pace.

Under the current state of emergency, which sees armed soldiers on the streets of the capital, the Sudanese Army takes control of all the relief supplies as soon as they arrive at the airport. More than 20 flights, many from Arab states, have already come in.

The aid agencies, which have formed a committee in the capital, wrote to the Sudanese Government about their worries, and asked to be more closely involved in distribution efforts.

But the British Ambassador in Khartoum, Mr John Beaven, said that, as far as he could tell, aid sent from Britain was being distributed. In London, the same view was taken by the Government's Overseas Development Administration — which organizes the official aid programme. "We are satisfied that our stuff is getting through," an official said.

A first planeload of tents is already being used to construct a camp 15 miles north of Khartoum, on land high enough to escape flooding.

A further planeload of supplies was due to leave Stansted airport last night. The ODA chartered the aircraft and British charities filled it.

The confidence of British officials was not shared by observers in Sudan, who saw little evidence that supplies were reaching the worst-affected areas. At Drooshab the Army was only yesterday erecting tents, a week after the torrential rains which destroyed an estimated 50,000 houses.

In the modern centre of Khartoum, most of the buildings are untouched — in contrast to the widespread damage to the simple brick or mud houses in the outlying suburbs or shanty towns, mostly occupied by refugees from the southern civil war.

There has been some progress in restoring power and water supplies and bread is now available — if people are prepared to queue for three hours. But what most concerns relief workers is the threat of epidemics of malaria, dysentery, cholera and other gastro-intestinal diseases. The stagnant pools left by the rain, in which the children at Drooshab were swimming, are contaminated with sewage.

Though outbreaks of disease have not yet been reported, Khartoum residents say that even some of the main hospitals are short of medicine. The respite provided by the current dry weather may be brief. The Blue Nile is rising rapidly, following the opening of sluice gates at the Roseires and Senna dams above Khartoum after heavy rain in Ethiopia.

Last week's flash floods are expected to be followed by the Nile bursting its banks, as the White Nile, which joins the Blue at Khartoum, also continues to rise.

Paradoxically, supplies of drinking water are short, and a witness saw hundreds queuing at a stand-pipe in one shanty town.

The long-term food situation is serious, as many of the dams and channels of the irrigation syystems along the rivers have been washed out. Their repair, and that of the road and rail links to Port Sudfan that would enable bulk relief supplies to be brought in at a reasonable cost, will take months.

Many aid workers are further worried about the effect of any petrol shortage and the threat of roads being cut.



A boy sitting on a bed as a man washes in the Nile waters lapping around their submerged home in Khartoum. A week after violent rains caused heavy flooding in the Sudanese capital, there are fears among relief workers of disease and hunger.

Airman challenges Bush's war account

From Charles Bremner
New York

Mr George Bush's account of the destruction of his bomber by the Japanese in the Second World War — a key episode in the Vice-President's biography — was challenged yesterday by a witness who believes that he may have baled out rather than attempt to save his two crewmen.

Mr Chester Mierzejewski, a turret-gunner who watched the shooting down of Mr Bush's Avenger bomber from another plane about 100 ft away, said in a long report in the *New York Post* that he was speaking out because he had been incensed by the Vice-President's recent accounts of the incident.

On the advice of campaign managers keen to demolish his "wimp" image, Mr Bush seizes every public opportunity to describe his survival after baling out from his blazing bomber into the Pacific after it was hit by anti-aircraft fire during an attack on the island of Chichi Jima in September, 1944.

Mr Bush says that one crewman died in the plane and the other was killed after attempting to bale out. He says he was picked up hours later when a submarine found him by sheer luck.

Mr Bush has added much detail in recent months to previous versions of the incident, and he regularly cites his time adrift in the Pacific as a transforming religious experience.

"That guy is not telling the truth," said Mr Mierzejewski in a long report by the *Post*, timed to appear three days before the opening of the Republican convention in New Orleans. "I think he could have saved those lives, if they were alive. I don't know that they were, but at least they had a chance if he had attempted a water landing."

Mr Mierzejewski, who later became an aircraft technician and is now retired, said he saw no fire on board Mr Bush's plane. According to standing orders, the pilots of crippled planes were expected to ditch in the sea in order to improve the crew's chance's of survival.

The *New York Post* said it had conducted dozens of interviews and a long investigation of records and had not been able to find anyone who reported that Mr Bush's plane was on fire when he baled out. Mr Bush did not speak of the fire at the time, it said. The newspaper quoted other fellow-flyers, who said that Mr Bush had been devastated by the loss of his two men.

"He said that he tried the intercom and no one answered," said Mr Thomas Keene, another Avenger pilot who later became a close Bush friend.

Mr Mierzejewski also challenged Mr Bush's claims, which he makes in almost every stump speech, that he was saved by pure luck. The former gunner said his pilot circled Mr Bush in the water and immediately called in the submarine to pick him up.

Yesterday Mr Steve Hart, the Vice-President's press secretary, called the Mierzejewski account absurd.

Mr Mierzejewski who, like Mr Bush, won the Distinguished Flying Cross said he broke his 44-year silence because he was incensed by what he considers to be false assertions made recently on television by the Republican candidate.

He said he wrote to Mr Bush in March, after becoming dismayed by the emerging tale of the exploit. He said he told Mr Bush his recollections were "entirely different from my recall of the incident . . . I would not want someone who is not for your candidacy to stand up in public and dispute what you say."

There was no reply to the letter, so — the *Post* said — he contacted the newspaper.

The former airman was a close friend of the crewmen who died in the Bush aircraft — John Delaney, the radio operator, and Lieutenant William White.

A Republican truce, but no real peace

It was long predicted that the Republican primary campaign would be an ideological bloodbath; that without the unifying presence of Mr Ronald Reagan, the coalition that supported him would split into warring factions, each claiming to be the true upholders of his heritage.

Some of the knives were visible early on: the persistent yapping at Vice-President George Bush's heels by candidates on the right; the savage attack on the Vice-President by Mr Alexander Haig for having done nothing but "just been there" during his seven-year tenure; the snarling, churlish denunciation of the Bush campaign by Mr Robert Dole, bitter at his defeat in New Hampshire.

The knives were sheathed and a truce declared when Mr Bush became the inevitable nominee. But there is no real peace or reconciliation. The urge to stab and denounce is still there; and only traditional party discipline has held the Republicans in check as they nervously await their all important convention, where Mr Bush must prove himself and surge ahead in the polls or see his campaign wither.

The restless right already threatens the same disruption that the Jackson left threatened at the Democratic convention.

There have already been scuffles over the platform, with conservatives furiously, and successfully, resisting attempts to soften the Reagan era stands against abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment and affirmative action to boost the opportunities for racial minorities. Conservatives have tried and failed to prevent Governor Thomas Kean of New Jersey from delivering the keynote speech.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

They regard him as something of a Democrat in Republican clothing — an archetype of eastern liberal Republicanism, a scion of decades of wealth and power. Some conservatives still threaten to walk out when he speaks.

Human Events, a weekly conservative paper said to be President Reagan's favourite reading, this week in a front-page article criticized Mr Bush's failure to campaign for Contra aid as a "stunning omission" that "undergirds the widespread suspicion that the Vice-President has few passionate beliefs in the area of public policy and/or is a timid leader when faced with a potentially divisive issue."

Saying that conservatives were "craving" to establish what Mr Bush does care about, the paper said he was "almost genetically incapable of rousing conservatives — or anyone, for that matter — to a state of enthusiasm, even though they would love to rally around the party standard-bearer".

This is tough stuff, on the eve of the convention. It raises the question whether the conservatives, who have felt increasingly resentful at being gradually excluded from the Administration over the past year, really want the Republicans to win again. "Most of us have heard conservative colleagues wonder aloud whether the best thing would be for the Republican Party to lose the 1988 election," Congressman Jack Kemp, the conservative former presidential candidate, wrote in the current issue of a conservative think-tank's journal.

But he said that this would be "too high a price to pay, even to retire George Shultz." Mr Kemp, however, insisted that the party would never win by appealing to moderates. He called for an agenda that sharpened, rather than narrowed, the differences between the Republican and Democratic Party leaderships.

Clearly, though the conservatives are not going to sabotage Mr Bush, they are not going to do much to help him. And he needs all the help he can get at present. He is put in a dilemma: should he court the right, who traditionally make the most noise and are the most active in rallying supporters, or should he turn his back on them and assert his own views and authority?

If Mr Bush picks Mr Kemp as a Vice-President, he could protect his back from some of the conservative knives. But, like Mr Dukakis, he may see it as vital to stand up to his challengers.

Much will depend on President Reagan. He is still a towering figure among all Republicans and could neutralize the venom of *Human Events* with a warm endorsement of Mr Bush. But, despite promises, he has yet to come out on behalf of his lieutenant with the conviction and vigour needed and expected.

WORLD ROUNDUP

US admits to test site 'mistake'

Washington — Russian suspicions that the US has been trying to cheat in the inspection of Soviet nuclear test sites were allayed in Washington yesterday (Michael Binyon writes). But the State Department was willing to admit that the Americans had been put in an embarrassing position by what it said was a "stupid" but "innocent mistake".

Members of the US team stationed at the main Soviet test site at Semi-Palatinsk had been caught trying to ship home prohibited geological samples, which could have been used to assess the yields of Soviet nuclear blasts. But, according to the State Department, they had assumed that permission to remove the samples would be forthcoming.

Gulf team in a hurry

As Iran and Iraq exchanged accusations and denials the UN hurried yesterday to get its ceasefire monitoring force into place (Andrew McEwen writes). "Time is very short," said Lieutenant-Colonel Yrjo Helanen, of Finland, the commander of an advance group preparing for the arrival of 350 military observers from 24 countries.

The United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group is due to be deployed along the 740-mile border by August 20, but confidence in the *de facto* ceasefire is declining. Iran yesteray denied a Baghdad report that it had shelled Iraqi positions, calling it false propoganda.

Senate signal to allies

Washington — The Senate has overwhelmingly passed a $282.6 billion (£166 billion) defence Bill, which includes restrictions on spending for troops overseas as a signal to allies that they might have to do more for defence (Mohsin Ali writes). The 1989 Pentagon Appropriation Bill faces the possibility of a presidential veto.

President Reagan last week vetoed the Democratic-controlled Congress's earlier defence authorization Bill, because he objected to cuts in his Strategic Defence Initiative and restrictions on his arms control negotiating policy.

Polish dancer defects

Jerusalem (AFP) — A Polish dancer with the touring Slovianki group from Cracow has deserted the troupe to stay with his Israeli girlfriend, newspapers reported yesterday.

Ziegmund Irianush, aged 29, who had a visa for a month's stay in Israel, deserted on Tuesday in Haifa where the troupe had participated in an international dance festival. He then made his way to the village of Beer Yaacov, south of Tel Aviv, Israeli radio reported. "If I didn't tell you anything it was to spare you the trouble," Mr Irianush told a room-mate in a note he left behind. "I'll write. Regards to all," the *Yedioth Aharonoth* reported him saying.

Iran's diplomacy worries kidnappers

Hezbollah finds captives a liability

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The Western hostages in Lebanon are now a liability to their own captors. No one says so openly, of course. But there are no more videotaped messages from the captives pleading with their governments to help them, and no more demands from the kidnappers for the release of Shia Muslim prisoners in Kuwait.

The pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement, which holds most of the 15 Western captives, is now divided within itself over the reasons why Iran has sued for peace in the Gulf War.

According to officers in the rival Shia Amal militia, the Hezbollah is fearful that Iran will now cut off its funds and leave it at the mercy of its American enemies and putative Syrian friends.

An Amal officer, who was involved in guarding the US hostages from the TWA jet that was hijacked to west Beirut in 1985, summed up his own feelings succinctly yesterday: "These people want the hostages off their hands quickly. They want a visa to anywhere, cash to take with them, and money to pay for their air fare."

This view, though overly pessimistic in its assessment of the Hezbollah's predicament, nevertheless represents a widely held assumption in west Beirut — that the days of hostage-taking are over and that an end to the captives' ordeal is only a matter of time.

But how long? There are repeated and consistent rumours here that the British and the Americans, through religious organizations rather than government officials, are prepared to "buy out" their hostages.

The going rate, according to Amal sources, is "a million dollars a man", the amount being a generous calculation of the expenses incurred by the Hezbollah in keeping its hostages alive for up to three and a half years.

It is difficult to find anyone in west Beirut who believes that the Hezbollah was telling the truth when it denied the assertion by General Mustafa Tlass, the Syrian Minister of Defence, that the West Germans paid more than $10 million (£5.8 million) for the hostage, Herr Alfred Schmidt, last September.

Further talks on British hostages in Beirut were reported yesterday between a senior Iranian envoy and a top aide of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Andrew McEwen writes). But neither Lambeth Palace nor the Iranian Embassy would confirm the reports, and the Foreign Office said it was not being kept informed.

There is currently a measure of agreement among west Beirut militias that the British are likely to emerge before the Americans, if only because Britain is now re-establishing more normal diplomatic relations with Iran and because of the Archbishop of Canterbury's talks with an Iranian government envoy in London.

One line of thought suggests that Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop's own envoy, who was kidnapped here in January of last year, might be released first. If the Hezbollah wanted to maintain some semblance of control over events, it would not be impossible for it to free Mr Waite after asking that he "continue" his mission to negotiate the freedom of hostages in Lebanon — the very mission which led to his disappearance last year.

Amal officers believe that Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, the American UN observer kidnapped south of Tyre last February, may be held to the end because the Hezbollah believes — and has said — that he was a spy. Equally, however, Colonel Higgins's status as an employee of the United Nations could mean that his early release was a priority.

If there is any certainty, it is that hostages will soon be released. And that — this being Lebanon — money will somehow be involved in securing their freedom, whatever their governments may say.

Waite's friends are optimistic about his release

From Charles Bremner, New York

A Palestinian Anglican colleague of Mr Terry Waite said yesterday that an informal network of friends of the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy in the US, Europe and the Middle East was growing optimistic about the prospects for his release in the next few weeks.

Canon Samir Habibi, who was working closely with Mr Waite when he disappeared, said that recent contacts encouraged his optimism. "I think things look pretty good for the resolution of the situation in the next few weeks," he said from Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

But the canon, who was director of the World Relief Fund of the American Episcopal Church at the time of Mr Waite's abduction, said that he was now on sabbatical and no longer in contact with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

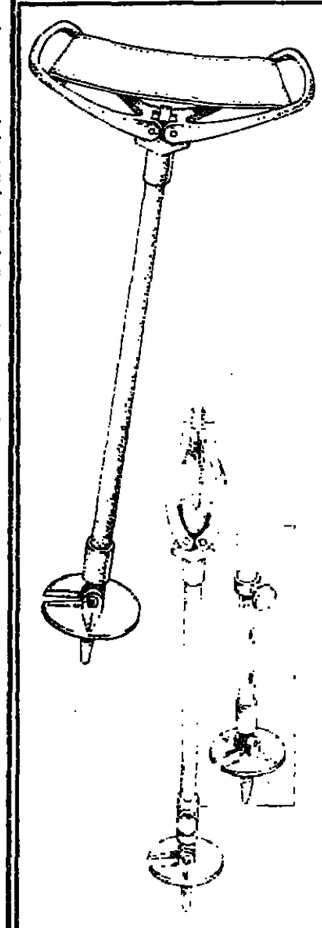
Canon Habibi said he understood that the Archbishop, who is in Pennsylvania on holiday, was not undertaking any activities connected with the Waite affair while there.

The Palestinian said that Mr Waite's network of friends was pleased by Tehran's recent expressions of intent to help resolve the hostage crisis and by the London talks this week between Dr Runcie and Mr Reza Said Mohamedi, of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Iranian officials at the UN in New York had recently initiated contacts with the American Church over the issue.

Canon Habibi added: "The network always felt that the Iranians had tremendous influence but not the control over the captors." Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, Iranian Foreign Minister, made much the same point this week, saying that Tehran was ready to help influence its allies for humanitarian reasons.

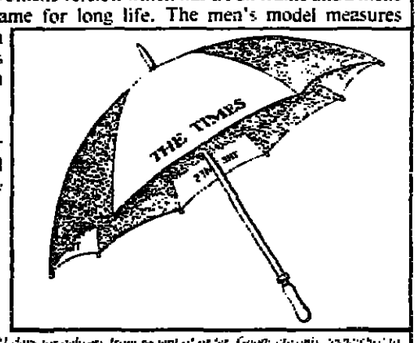
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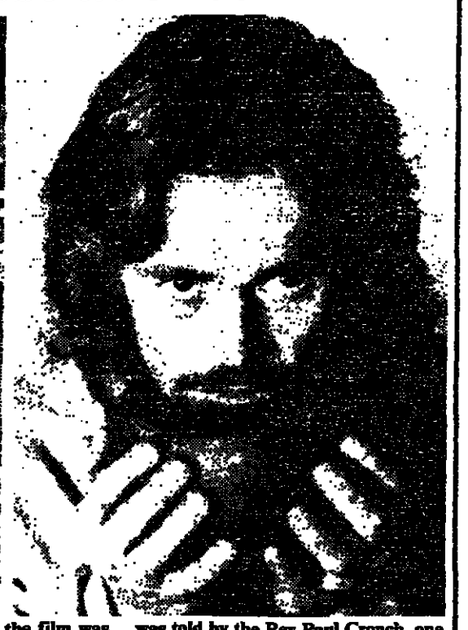
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Thousands of Christians protest at Jesus film





An estimated 10,000 people, above, carrying placards with messages such as "Don't crucify Christ again" and "Some things are sacred", protesting outside Universal Studios in California on Thursday against the controversial Martin Scorsese film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, in which Willem Dafoe, right, plays the role of Jesus Christ. The film went on public release in the United States yesterday. Speakers at the lunchtime rally, composed mainly of Christian groups but including a few Jewish organizations, said that the film was blasphemous and should not be distributed (Reuter reports from Los Angeles). The film has a dream episode in which Jesus is shown making love to Mary Magdalene. The crowd, estimated by police at 10,000, was told by the Rev Paul Crouch, one of the rally's organizers, that "Christian-bashing is over". He declared: "Young people who see this film will receive a blatantly false portrayal of the person who is nearest and dearest to our hearts."

FROM A VILLAGE IN THE HIMALAYAS

Honourable reprieve from an idle husband

By Victor Zorza and Veenu Sandal

Soon after her wedding Bhagwa knew she had been deceived. Jhanpulia, her husband, was not the paragon he had made himself out to be to her parents, who believed they were entrusting their daughter to an exceptionally hard-working young man. Jhanpulia gave a sumptuous wedding feast which, he admitted, had almost wiped out his savings of 2,500 rupees (about £100). The grand celebration raised visions of comfort and ease before Bhagwa's eyes.

These vanished when Jhanpulia ordered her to get down to work while he sunned himself, or lolled in the shade, and chewed tobacco.

Bhagwa rose at dawn, cooked, fed the bullocks, piled up the cow-dung for use as manure, fetched water, scrubbed utensils. She then left to work – sometimes in rich villagers' fields to earn a little money, sometimes on her own land, tending crops which, with luck, might tide them over the next few months. She cut grass for the bullocks, collected firewood, and returned at dusk, exhausted, bent under the heavy burden, to prepare the evening meal.

Bhagwa, like many women in the village, accepted her lot. She knew there was no escape. Her parents would only remarry her, and what guarantee was there that the next husband would treat her any better?

When a son was born, Jhanpulia had an excuse for his idleness: somebody had to look after the baby while Bhagwa was away. He would sit, weaving fishing nets and keeping half an eye on the toddler, while Bhagwa, weakened by childbirth, toiled through the day. Jhanpulia bestirred himself only to do the ploughing – after everybody turned down Bhagwa's pleas for help. Try as she might, the family often went hungry. Reasoning with Jhanpulia was futile. He came up with easy answers, such as "borrowing" from neighbours, or brusquely urged a reluctant Bhagwa to buy rations on credit at the village shop.

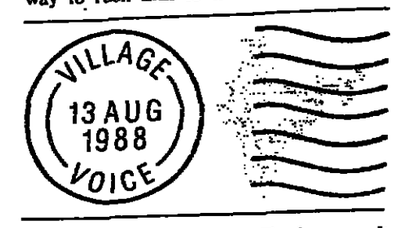
Their debt mounted until the shopkeeper put his foot down, demanding cash instead of assurances. Jhanpulia never faced the irate shopkeeper: he sent Bhagwa to bear the insults and plead for more time.

Everybody knew that Jhanpulia's affairs were in a state of permanent crisis. Bhagwa used to walk to the shop past our hut, returning slowly, empty-handed. Often, she stopped to talk to us.

The shopkeeper had refused to give further credit. There was no milk for the child, no flour – only some rice. She defended Jhanpulia whenever we suggested he should work: he was sickly, he didn't have the strength. Like the rest of the village, we didn't believe in his illness. And, like several villagers, we learned to struggle with our consciences, restraining our sympathies for Bhagwa and the child.

Towards the beginning of winter we heard that Jhanpulia was too ill to walk. Was it a ruse to gain sympathy, food, and money at a stroke? The reports varied, but became progressively worse, sending us and a few villagers to the Harijan quarter to investigate. Saheju, a widower who lived near Jhanpulia's hut, told us he was swollen, had developed bedsores, had to be fed and cleaned and turned over. Bhagwa had stopped working in the fields and had thrown herself on the shopkeeper's mercy. We found her kneeling beside a hideously bloated Jhanpulia, smothering her revulsion and wiping the putrid pus oozing from his left hip. He was talking gibberish and didn't recognize any of us. The stench of rotting flesh drove us out of the dimly lit hut.

We were all in a quandary. Could he be saved? Was there time to try? There was no way to rush him to the nearest hospital,



more than 50 miles away. The bus wasn't due for 14 hours. We could do little except wait.

Early the next morning word reached us that Jhanpulia had recovered from delirium shortly after midnight and summoned four fellow-Harijans. What he had told them, nobody had time to ask, because everyone was preparing for the funeral: Jhanpulia had died during the night.

Before dying, he had ensured that he would linger in village memory – not as a slothful man who never worked, but as an honourable soul. Jhanpulia had entrusted to the four Harijans he had called in the sacred duty of carrying out his last wish: Bhagwa, instead of being condemned to the uncertainties of widowhood, should be married to Saheju, the poor widower who wanted to buy a second wife, but didn't have the money. Saheju's young daughter, Jhanpulia had reasoned in his last moments, would gain a mother; and Bhagwa's son – *his* child – would not miss a father. The village approved of Jhanpulia in death, as it had disapproved of him when he lived. While dying, he had sown the seeds of life.

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Next Saturday: A do-gooder comes a cropper

Non-proliferation talks in Vienna

South Africans may be ready to throw open doors to their nuclear secrets

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa is involved in delicate negotiations with senior officials from Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States that could lead to Pretoria's accession to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the opening of all its nuclear facilities to international inspection.

That could determine whether Pretoria has been developing a nuclear bomb.

South Africa belongs to a small group of non-signatories of the treaty – the others are India, Pakistan, Israel, Brazil and Argentina – which are either known to have made, or are believed to be capable of making, nuclear weapons.

A South African delegation led by Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha arrived in Vienna, where the negotiations are being held, early on Thursday.

A statement issued in Pretoria yesterday said that the talks concerned South Africa's "possible accession" to the treaty and would include the question of "safeguards on its (nuclear) installations".

Last September President Botha announced that Pretoria hoped to be able to sign the treaty "soon" and was prepared to enter into negotiations with each of the nuclear weapons states with that end in view.

(Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union are the guarantors of the treaty. The other two nuclear weapons states, France and China, have not signed the treaty.)

As a result of President Botha's statement, Western countries were able to persuade black African states to drop a motion tabled for last year's annual general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency which, if carried, would have suspended South Africa from membership of the agency.

Since then, however, there has been little visible sign of progress on Pretoria's accession to the treaty. If the Vienna talks produce no result, a new attempt to suspend South Africa will certainly be made at this year's conference, which opens on September 19. Pretoria's continuing refusal to sign the treaty would be argued as evidence that it is making nuclear weapons.

Signatories of the treaty, which went into effect in 1970, are required to open all nuclear plants and facilities to on-site inspection by agency officials to determine whether any nuclear fuel is being used for military projects.

South Africa has placed its sole French-built nuclear power station at Koeberg, near Cape Town, under agency safeguards. This means that the plutonium produced in the process of burning uranium fuel in the plant's two reactors cannot be diverted to the manufacture of weapons.

But South Africa has so far refused to permit agency inspection of its pilot uranium-enrichment plant at the Valindaba complex in hilly scrubland outside Pretoria.

This is estimated to produce enough highly enriched uranium – an alternative to plutonium as a nuclear weapons fuel – to make two or three nuclear explosive devices annually. Also not covered by agency safeguards is a full-scale commercial enrichment plant at Valindaba, which will make South Africa an abundant source of raw uranium entirely independent of outside fuel suppliers. This plant has either already come on stream or is about to do so. The exact stage of development is an official secret.

There is no doubt that Pretoria has the capacity to make nuclear weapons. In 1977 American and Russian satellite surveillance spotted clear evidence of preparation to test a nuclear device in the Kalahari desert. The test site was dismantled after strong Western protests.

Two years later a US satellite detected a mysterious "double flash" over the South Atlantic that might have been caused by a small atmospheric nuclear explosion.

There was considerable speculation at the time that it was evidence of a joint test by Israel and South Africa, but this was never proved.

The South African Cabinet is believed to be sharply divided on the merits of signing the treaty. There would be political and diplomatic gains.

The threat of supension from the agency would be removed and Pretoria might be able to get back its seat on the agency's board of governors and its right to take part in the annual conference, which it lost in the late 1970s.

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Pretoria reacted sharply yesterday to Argentina's expulsion of the South African consul in Buenos Aires and three other South Africans. The expulsions, which followed an unauthorized seminar organized by the consulate, were "surprising and unacceptable", it said.

● **Minister rapped:** Mr Stoffel van der Merwe, the Minister of Information, found himself in hot water yesterday after telling the local financial newspaper, *Business Day*, that Pretoria could tolerate a Namibian government formed by the Marxist South West Africa People's Organization, provided Cuban troops had left neighbouring Angola.

South Africa would not be 'selling out', Mr van der Merwe told *Business Day*. Once the Cuban threat had been removed from Namibia's "back door", it would not be worth continuing the war (against Swapo)" merely to prevent "Mr Dirk Mudge (the current chairman of the Pretoria-blessed administration in Windhoek) from being replaced by Mr Sam Nujoma (the leader of Swapo)", he said.

Mr van der Merwe's remarks, confirmed by his press secretary as having been correctly reported, are the most explicit statement so far by a Cabinet minister that Pretoria could live with a Swapo government.

Such a prospect is an anathema to the South African military establishment and to the far-right Conservative Party, which became the official opposition in the white House of Assembly last year.

No sooner was *Business Day* on the streets than Mr van der Merwe was being summoned to the presence of President Botha for a dressing-down. Hours later a "clarifying" statement was issued, clearly at presidential behest, stating that it was "not suitable to make pronouncements now on the acceptability, or not, of any possible future government in South West Africa".

The statement also said: 'On the road ahead (Namibia) will be faced with long and involved negotiations. The United Nations will have to prove its impartiality before Resolution 435 can be implemented. All hostilities, including terrorism and intimidation, will have to cease beforehand.

Clarity will also have to be obtained in matters relating to the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola and the financing of the independence process."

President Botha also issued a separate statement in his own name warning that hopes for a peace settlement in Angola and Namibia could be dashed by harsh new sanctions against South Africa which were approved by the United States House of Representatives on Thursday.

They still have to be passed by the Senate and are then likely to face a veto from President Reagan.

But they could block financial transactions required for the implementation of Resolution 435.

Congress backs sanctions

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

In a dramatic gesture, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives has voted to ban nearly all trade with South Africa except US imports of strategic materials. But this strong anti-apartheid Bill faces a strong challenge in the Senate, and a veto if it lands on President Reagan's desk.

The Bill, which amounts to a virtual declaration of economic warfare, was passed on Thursday night, largely along party lines, by 244 votes to 132. This was short of the two-thirds majority required to override a presidential veto.

Even while it was being angrily debated, the State Department attacked it, saying that punitive economic sanctions were more likely to retard than accelerate the end of apartheid.

The Reagan Administration particularly regretted the timing of the action, which it said came at a delicate moment in the important US mediation efforts between South Africa, Angola and Cuba aimed at an Angola-Namibia settlement.

The House action was taken as Republicans prepared for their national convention in New Orleans, but Democrats denied that the timing was deliberate.

Policy towards South Africa is high on the Democratic political agenda, due mainly to the primary presidential race of the Rev Jesse Jackson. Mr William Broomfield (Republican-Michigan) denounced the Bill as "the Dukakis-Jackson foreign policy initiative". The Bill would greatly strengthen sanctions imposed by Congress in 1986 over President Reagan's veto. Those sanctions restricted trade and barred new American investment in South Africa.

The new Bill, which would also impose a ban on all US investment in South Africa, including loans, may require retaliation against European and Asian countries which fill the gap left by the US withdrawal.

Since the introduction of the 1986 sanctions, trade between the two countries has declined by 50 per cent.

Russians can read anti-Stalin book

From Our Correspondent, Moscow

The memoirs of the wife of one of Russia's greatest poets, Osip Mandelstam, who died in a Stalin labour camp in 1938, have been published for the first time in the Soviet Union in a further illustration of *glasnost* policies.

The publication of Nadezhda Mandelstam's memoirs is a big event in the Soviet literary world, in addition to being a new milestone in the de-Stalinization process.

The 24 chapters of *Hope Against Hope*, published in the latest issue of the monthly magazine *Yunost*, contain a bitter denunciation of the Stalin terror.

Other poets who belonged to the same group as Mandelstam in the 1920s have gained posthumous popularity under Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. However, Mandelstam's collected poems, carefully preserved by his widow, who died in 1980, have yet to be published here.

"I think Mandelstam wrote those poems which cost him his life because he could no longer live or write in that stifling atmosphere," the mathematician, Mr Mikhail Polivanov, said in the introduction to the memoirs.

The widow's book was published in the West in 1970. *Yunost* said that all 83 chapters would be published in book form next year.

Mr Polivanov, who met Mandelstam's wife in 1962 when she was in internal exile, painted a sympathetic portrait of a plucky woman.

She began writing her memoirs after she was allowed to return to Moscow in 1964 by Khrushchev. According to Mr Polivanov, she was so close to her husband's thought processes that "when (she) was finally able to write everything down ... you can recognize Mandelstam in the style and language of her books".

Mandelstam died in a Siberian labour camp in December 1938 after being arrested and exiled by Stalin.

● *BUDAPEST:* Mr Andras Hegedues, the former Hungarian Prime Minister who was purged after the 1956 uprising, has said that he and other Stalinist leaders of the early 1950s should have been called to account for their deeds then (AP reports). The political weekly *Kepes 7* carried excerpts of Mr Hegedues's memoirs this week.

Mutiny by Spanish crew ends peacefully

Den Helder, The Netherlands (AP) – A mutiny on a Dutch offshore vessel, sparked by what was described as a "misunderstanding", ended peacefully yesterday, a union spokesman said.

No injuries were reported in the incident, in which 120 Spanish crew members of the Panama-registered Hermod seized command for three hours

Nazi shock

Düsseldorf (Reuter) – The chief prosecutor of a former Nazi SS guard, Wolfgang Otto, aged 76, charged with complicity in the murder of the German communist leader Ernst Thaelmann at Buchenwald, has recommended his acquittal for lack of evidence.

Death cause

Barcelona (AP) – A preliminary post-mortem examination on the body of Rachel Louise Hill, of Chellaston, Derby, showed she had died of asphyxiation and two knife wounds, but had not been raped, a legal source said.

Healthy beef

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Dutch health inspectors cleared most of a shipload of Irish and Danish beef suspected of having been contaminated after the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Off limits

Peking (AFP) – Chinese Communist Party members who have sexual relations with foreigners, including prostitutes, during trips abroad will be expelled from the party or punished, according to the *Legal Daily*.

Mass killer

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) – Ildefonso Maia Cunha, who confessed he was paid large sums by wealthy ranchers to murder peasant agitators, may have killed as many as 60 people, police said.

Early poll

Ankara (AP) – President Evren of Turkey has approved a constitutional amendment designed to allow earlier municipal elections.

Climbers hurt

Zermatt (Reuter) – Ten climbers were struck by lightning near the Italian border. Three of them were kept in hospital.

Vice clean-up

Dhaka – Bangladesh police arrested more than 1,000 people in a week-long campaign to clean up vice in the capital.

Italy's years of terror still cast their shadow

Professor accused of Milan killing

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Professor Adriano Sofri is a 1960s radical who successfully inhabits the 1980s. For his young students at the Florence Academy of Fine Arts, he is a brilliant novelty, turning over conventional ideas on art history, and a controversial publicist with influence in the Socialist Party.

While he does have a handsome Tuscan country house with a library of 19th-century books, his wife weaves on her own frame and they grow vegetables in the garden.

For the Italian police, Professor Sofri may be a retired terrorist implicated in one of the first unsolved assassinations of the "years of lead". What happened between 1964 – when he shouted "you betrayed the revolution" in the face of the Italian Communist Party chief, Palmiro Togliatti – to the comfortable Italy of 1988?

The murder of Luigi Calabresi, a police commissioner, on May 17, 1972, was arguably the initial shot of the modern Italian era. Dr Calabresi was head of the political bureau at Milan police headquarters. His agents had been watching the student revolts of 1968 and the strikes of 1969. The situation looked bad. A bomb shattered the Agricultural Bank in Milan during December, 1969, and Dr Calabresi pulled in all the possible suspects, including an anarchist called Pino Pinelli.

During the interrogation, Pinelli fell from the fourth-floor window of police headquarters. Dr Calabresi said that it was an accident – Pinelli had slipped – but the left branded him a murderer.

The young Signor Adriano Sofri, a member of the far-left Lotta Continua (Continuing Fight), wrote a passionate attack on Dr Calabresi. Within two years a man wearing a balaclava rang the bell of Dr Calabresi's apartment and shot him dead. No culprits were found.

Now, 16 years later, one of the group has come forward, admitted his guilt and named his three accomplices – Professor Sofri, a publisher, and a successful sales director.

The penitent is a former Fiat worker, Signor Leonardo Marino, whose last job was selling ice cream and crêpes on the beach near La Spezia. He is one of the few members of Lotta Continua not to have made a successful career; he was one of a small number of token workers, a link between the radical intelligentsia and the striking factories.

Signor Marino says Professor Sofri planned the murder. Professor Sofri says that Signor Marino is a liar. The other two men also deny participating in the crime. But the police take Signor Marino seriously.

Signor Marino seems to have undergone some kind of religious experience, and confessed first to a priest before turning himself in to the police recently. The magistrate thinks Signor Marino's version of events is plausible for two reasons: he knew details of the murder that could be available only to a direct participant, and was never a suspect – now in prison only because of his own testimony.

Signor Marino says he was the getaway driver, the publisher Signor Ovidio Bompresi pulled the trigger, and Professor Sofri and Dr Giorgio Pietrostefani, the sales director, organized the murder.

Professor Sofri's political friends, all respectable now and most of them deeply embedded in the Establishment, have issued a statement declaring their solidarity with him, praising his intelligence, generosity, passion for the truth and his "first-rate contribution to the cultural and political life of this country". Whether the investigating magistrate will view it like that remains to be seen.

The case is at an intermediate stage, with all names and most of the available facts made public, and provisional charges have been drafted.

But if the judge finds that the evidence is still too thin, and Signor Marino's testimony flawed or insufficient, then Professor Sofri and his colleagues need not be brought to trial. Then the professor, aged 46, whose students were merely toddlers when he was on the barricades, can resume his career. Perhaps he will give more of his famous *soirées*, with the radical chic parking their BMWs and Lancias in the driveway.

Rome – Sardinian bandits have sent part of the ear of a kidnapped multi-millionaire with a letter from the victim pleading for his family to pay a ransom (Roger Boyes writes). Part of the cartilege of a right ear, and a letter signed by Signor Giulio de Angelis, an architect, were found in an envelope in a post office.



As thousands of Soviet troops withdraw, defectors fight on with Mujahidin

Kabul-Islamabad dispute threatens pull-out deal

By Edward Gorman

As Monday's deadline by which half the estimated 115,000 Soviet troops are to be out of Afghanistan approaches, there appears to be no sign of a let-up in the diplomatic dispute between Kabul and Islamabad. Both sides are claiming continuing breaches of the mutual non-intervention clauses, agreed under the Geneva accords signed in April.

After a brief period of relative tranquility, immediately after the Geneva agreement, the accusations and counter-accusations have steadily grown more frequent and, particularly on the Soviet side, more indignant.

Recent reports from the Afghan capital indicate that many diplomats, both from the Eastern bloc and from the West, now believe it quite possible that the dispute may be more than a meaningless diplomatic slanging match, and could yet threaten the entire withdrawal process.

The complaints and accusations have settled into a distinct pattern. Pakistan has repeatedly protested at violations of its territory by Afghan Air Force jets and ground fire, and what it claims is a terrorist bombing campaign on its cities by the KGB-trained Kabul secret police.

Kabul and Moscow complain bitterly that Pakistan continues openly to supply the Mujahidin with weapons; to run training camps for them in the North West Frontier Province; to foster a government-in-exile based on the seven-party Mujahidin alliance in Peshawar; and even to prevent the voluntary return of refugees.

The background to non-intervention in Afghanistan is complex and tends to point up some of the more absurd features of a UN-sponsored agreement which everyone acknowledged would be violated openly on both sides. Most observers also agree that its existence owes less to the tireless energy of its principal architect, Señor Diego Cordovez, than to the fact that the Russians had decided they were leaving Afghanistan anyway, and to do so under a UN "peace agreement" was preferable to an embarrassing unilateral withdrawal.

The key phrase in the Geneva agreement is Clause 5 of the second of the four instruments which deals specifically with non-intervention. This states that the signatories to the agreement (Kabul and Islamabad) are to "refrain from armed intervention, subversion, military occupation and interference, overt or covert, directed at the other ... or any other act of military, political or economic interference in the internal affairs of the other."

Moscow (Reuter) — There were reports of more fighting between Afghan government troops and Muslim rebels yesterday as thousands of Soviet troops continued to withdraw from Afghanistan. Tass said that the Afghan Army had killed nearly 100 Afghan rebels and two Pakistani advisers.

The problem with Clause 5, however, is that while it clearly precludes the continued supply of arms by Pakistan to the Mujahidin, it makes no provision for, and does not rule out, Moscow's continuing military backing of Kabul. This lopsidedness was to some extent set right by the so-called symmetry agreement between Moscow and Washington. This laid down that both the United States and the Soviet Union could continue to supply their respective allies so long as the other side continued to do so.

Taken together, Clause 5 and symmetry allowed both sides to sign at Geneva but also to violate immediately and continually one of its principal tenets. It allowed Pakistan to continue supplying the resistance and Moscow to continue to prop up the communist regime in Kabul.

While the feeling in Kabul suggests that the Russians may well call Pakistan's bluff and actually suspend the withdrawal unless Pakistan knuckles under, almost all Western experts believe Moscow is merely using the dispute to demonstrate its continued political support for President Najibullah's Government.

Another theory favoured by a more hardline element in Washington is that, by blaming Pakistan for the shortcomings of its ally, Moscow is preparing the ground for a dramatic collapse in Kabul once its troops have left.



Two former Soviet soldiers, Abdullah Elham and Abdul Qassim, left and centre, wearing the tribal clothing of the Afghan rebels beside whom they are apparently fighting in Kunar province, eastern Afghanistan. The men, Muslims from Soviet Uzbekistan, have been with the Mujahidin for more than three years and have declared that they want to remain with the guerrillas (AP reports). The two said on Thursday that they were not interested in an offer by the seven-party Afghan guerrilla alliance to release them to the International Committee of the Red Cross. Reporters were told that the former Soviet troops had been accompanying the Mujahidin in attacks on Afghan government positions in the Kunar Valley in north-east Afghanistan. Mr Masood Khalili, a political officer of the Jamyat-i Islami guerrilla group, which holds the two, said that Red Cross representatives had met twice with the men, once in private and another time with guerrillas present. He said that the Red Cross had sought a new meeting with the pair, fearing that they may not be acting independently. Mr Khalili said that, if the two soldiers do not accept the offer of freedom, the guerrillas will set free two other Soviet troops, in a move which appeared aimed at improving the Mujahidin's public image.

Reform and the Wall

East Germany shelters from wind of change

From Richard Bassett, East Berlin

As East and West Germany contemplate the 27th anniversary today of the building of the Berlin Wall, any talk of *perestroika* in East Germany remains remote.

An East German diplomat remarked that "we do not need *perestroika*, we are not the Soviet Union" — referring to the Russian word with the stiffness that a proud parent reserves for a distant and disreputable relative.

East Germany, as the most efficient member of the Eastern bloc, has some reason to hold its head high, but as one by one its Warsaw Pact neighbours — with the exception of delinquent Romania — get in step with *glasnost*, the German Democratic Republic is out of line.



Herr Honecker: A moderate in the Politburo's ranks.

Like parts of East Berlin, still unrestored more than 40 years after the war, the leadership is frozen in time, suspicious of change, wary of reform, of anything which could upset the balance of what is Eastern Europe's most artificial state.

With a large young population, many of whom are able to see West German television, the ageing leadership under Herr Erich Honecker, aged 76, appears particularly unresponsive.

Party rhetoric, like the party press and party historians, has reacted with a hasty nervousness to Moscow's plans for reform and its revaluation of the past, especially the atrocities of the Stalin era.

Herr Honecker's adviser, Herr Otto Reinhold, recently declared: "We never had a Stalin. We've thought out that problem a long time ago."

But such a policy of burying heads in the sand, even in East Germany, cannot prevail forever. It is not just that the numbers of East Germans who wish to leave the country continue to grow.

One West German source recently put the number of outstanding applications as "anything from 200,000 to one million".

Rather, it is those who do travel briefly to the West (1.2 million in 1987) who realize, with growing and painful certainty, that if any country lost the war, it was theirs.

That is how they interpret the staggering wealth of West Germany, in stark contrast with the shortage of goods in their own country.

As the numbers visiting the West continue to rise, while the present thaw in East-West relations continues, this unpleasant awareness can only be deepened.

In East Berlin, despite a conscious effort to redecorate certain areas, such as the celebrated Hussemanstrasse, East Berliners remain sceptical about any progress under the present regime. "We are at the crossroads, but our Government is terrified of taking any right turning," was how one East German academic described the problem.

Street after street stands derelict past the immaculately restored Hussemanstrasse.

Faded stucco façades display the faint lettering of trading signs: bakers, cobblers and florists which reveal a once thriving suburban existence. More than 40 years later, not a shop survives, but the houses remain inhabited despite their dilapidated state.

A student said angrily: "It will take 20 years at least before any of these houses will be restored." Most young East Berliners are acutely aware of their country's dilemma.

Not all of them wish to leave, and a surprising number realize that Herr Honecker for his generation — in contrast to some of his Politburo colleagues — is something of a moderate.

Last week's return to East Germany of two dissidents expelled earlier this year was a triumph for Herr Honecker against strong resistance from his fellow-politicians.

The two, Barbel Bohley and Werner Fischer — who had spent six months in Britain at the invitation of the Church of England — were also helped by pressure from the British Government.

But it is Bonn which, predictably, is capable of exerting the most pressure. As East Germany's main business link and Comecon's largest trading partner, it has a strong hand to play.

In conjunction with the Soviet Union's desperate need for Western technology, West German persistence on human rights, if expressed resolutely enough, must increase the chances of some change in East Germany.

"We do not need perestroika, we aren't the Soviet Union"

East Berlin, caught between the need for Western economic progress and Eastern reform, is in a difficult position to resist such change.

Already the Soviet press has begun in a thinly veiled way to attack East Germany's reluctance to adopt *perestroika*. Last month *Literaturnaya Gazeta* accused the East Germans of harbouring hostile, anti-Russian suspicion towards Mr Gorbachov's policies.

Sooner rather than later, unless Mr Gorbachov's policies fail, East Germany is going to have to find some way of embracing the Kremlin's new creed.

The closure until October of the section of East Berlin's Museum of German History dealing with 1917-1945 — supposedly for restoration — suggests that some nuances are slowly finding their way into the official ideology.

But the removal of a few portraits of Stalin, however reassuring to Moscow of its ally's loyalty, will not be enough in the long term either for West Germany or the East.



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SIMON BARNES

How many times have you swum your fastest, and then cried out in frustration: "Oh! If only my bathing drawers weren't slowing me down, I'd go even faster!" Funnily enough, the same thing has never happened to me either, but it has certainly happened to the Olympic swimmers in the United States. Now America has developed a magical go-faster fabric for swimming cozzies after intensive and expensive scientific research.

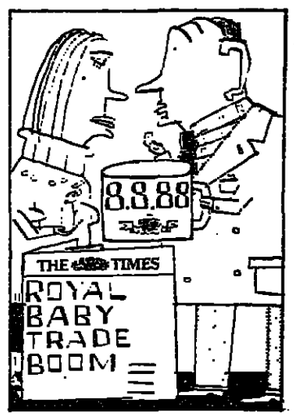
It all began when Ray Essick, the executive director of US swimming, read about the special coating on America's Cup boats that improves the water flow over the hull. He made a joke about it being a shame that you couldn't put it on swimsuits. American technology leapt at the challenge; Darlington Fabrics of New York reported: "We may have the technology." After a year of research, and six months of tests, they have pulled the world forward into the era of the go-faster bathers.

The hi-tech gear has a rough surface which "streamlines the waterflow over the body". The company believes it will have the same dramatic effect on swimming as the solid-wheel machines did for bicycling at the last Olympics. "The fabric will cut a few tenths from a performance – and that can be the difference between a gold medal and no medal," a spokesman said.

Roh Tae-woo, President of South Korea, prides himself on being "an ordinary man". He was at pains to stress his ordinariness during last year's presidential elections. And because of his love of all things ordinary, he has made an extraordinary request – if not a demand – to the Olympic Games' organizers. He wants more ordinary people at the opening and closing ceremonies. Not a mere 150 ordinary people, as planned: there will now be 500 ordinary people at the opening and 700 at the close. They will be "taxi drivers, coal miners, postmen, and lighthouse keepers," mainly drawn from rural and remote areas. A spokesman for the Ministry of Home Affairs said: "Most ordinary people we plan to invite do not get much attention despite their contribution to the development of the nation."

From hi-tech to no tech at all. I am now in possession of the ultimate story of cricketing disaster in my incursion into the strange world of under-11 cricket. Dr J.S.F. Watson writes: "I was a member of my prep school, Mowden, Dyke Road, Brighton, 2nd XI, when we were all out for a total of 0 against a neighbouring school, Cottesmore. Cottesmore, in those days, was always very good at games, and we were terrified of them...possibly rather like England batting against the West Indies." Well, no England side has been out for 0 yet, but give us time. We have the technology.

BARRY FANTONI



"Why is it I keep thinking about the West Indian bowling figures?"

With my own unconcealed devotion to the cause of saving rain forests, and my affection for cricket, I am easily persuaded to write a little more about the Rain Forest Cricket Cup. The knockout tournament reaches its final a week tomorrow at Edgbaston, with a celebrity game between sides captained by John Emburey, one of many of the summer's England captains, and Richard Branson, the powerboater. Among the celebs are Donny Osmond and Imran Khan, which does at least demonstrate the universality of the cause.

How on earth do you set about framing a tennis racket? And why on earth should you want to? The answer to the first question, at least, I can bring you: a firm called Frame Express has managed to frame Ivan Lendl's racket, the one which he broke at Wimbledon this year, and subsequently autographed. Tamsin Eedle of Frame Express explained: "It took us two days. Because of its size, we had to be careful that the frame didn't overpower the racket. It wasn't the easiest item I have ever had to frame, but it was great fun." It will be auctioned at a charity ball in December. Lendl, whose taste in wall coverings involves Mucha and Lautrec, will not, I suspect, be a bidder. The framing firm boasts that it has framed cricket bats, knickers, and – once – Mike Gatting's blazer. A challenge and a half, that one.

The pigeon-fancying cricket commentator Henry Blofeld has become so adroit at playing the part of himself that he is now given the credit for the oldest Australian joke in creation.

Immigration officer: Have you a criminal record?

Blofeld: My dear old thing, I didn't realize it was still compulsory.

Blofeld has a book out in the autumn, called, yes, *My Dear Old Thing*. In it, he writes fondly of a visit to "The Valley of Peace" in New Zealand, a tiny, tree-girt cricket ground. It is not much more than an acre in size, and a boundary hit counts as two. The ground goes one better than Lord's: no women are allowed on it at all.

Blofeld heard a car door slam, and five minutes later saw Jeremy Coney, the New Zealand Test player, arrive on foot, hung about with baggage. He had been given a lift by one of those female people but didn't dare ask her to drive any closer. To such things, we men of Tewin Irregulars have but one thing to say: "Bah! Humbug!"

Dulcie Gray urges preservation of heritage under threat

Stop these Garden vandals

Once a building has been listed it is only natural to assume that it is guaranteed protection. But that is not the case. This week the commissioners of English Heritage met behind closed doors and gave their consent to the demolition of one of the most loved landmarks in Covent Garden, the Floral Hall.

It seems quite wrong that unnamed commissioners should meet secretly to make a decision that will affect everyone who lives, works and enjoys the area, but that is what happened. What is the point of listing a building if it can then be destroyed? English Heritage has recommended that the Floral Hall be demolished for a scheme which is contrary to the local plan (the Covent Garden Action Area Plan, drawn up by the GLC in the 1970s with full consultation), and which is highly dubious financially.

The scheme in question is the Royal Opera House Development Plan. The Opera House needs to extend its premises – which I, as an actress, would like to see. In order to help pay for these improvements it intends building 230,000 square feet of offices and shops, 25 luxury flats and, unbelievably, a car park in Bow Street itself with space for 300 cars (of which only 20 are for Opera House staff). It therefore proposed to destroy five listed buildings and 13 other buildings within this conservation area. Exterminating an endangered species (listed buildings) in favour of another endangered species (the Opera House) seems a dubious moral proposition.

After this week's meeting of English Heritage the Opera House has been compelled to think again, and four of the buildings – including the only substantial group of surviving Georgian fronts in Long Acre – have now been saved. But the most significant building, the Floral Hall – designed by E.M. Barry in the mid-19th century – will still be lost.

Only one of its facades will be preserved. The Royal Opera House intends to reinstate the glass canopy and this facade will be jacked up to provide an access for the scenery pantechnicons. The rest of the building will be demolished except for the ironwork transept fronting the Piazza. This will be stored for ten years, in the hope that someone may offer it a home.

Before becoming a fruit market the hall was used as a foyer and banqueting place for the Opera House. If this building was retained in its entirety it could well provide a splendid entrance to the Royal Opera House from both Bow Street and the Piazza.

The 13 other buildings which are to be pulled down contribute essentially to the townscape and character of the area. They serve as a setting for the jewels of the listed buildings. The whole of the north side of Russell Street and the corner of Bow Street will be destroyed, and replaced by an office block with shops. It includes 18 Russell Street, which has been authenticated as the sole remaining coffee house of the 12 that once brought warmth and conviviality to this part of London. This building was frequented by, among other notables, Smollett, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Colly Cibber, David Garrick, Clive of India and the ubiquitous Dr Johnson and Boswell. Surely this section of our social history should not be jeopardized as well.

Although I am not aware of the detailed financing of the development, I am disturbed by the discrepancies between the estimates provided by various interested bodies. Even if the Opera House proceeds with its profitable plan for new shops and offices it says it will still be left with a deficit of up to £25 million. This it thinks it can cover, but not a penny more. However, this figure is disputed by the Covent Garden Community Association which, after commissioning an independent property survey, estimates a deficit of only £10 million, with which Westminster City Council agrees. The association argues that the lower figure could be met without the major destruction proposed.

A more thorough examination of the money involved is surely needed when interested parties are so far apart and when a scheme of some £100 million is involved.

Everyone accepts that the Opera House badly needs to renovate and extend its premises, but I do not believe it is going the right way about it.

The Theatres Trust and, I understand, the Association of British Theatre Technicians have expressed concern about some of the proposals. The Opera House could be in danger of cutting off its nose to spite its face and could well find itself with insoluble problems because of the conflict of its own demands and those of the commercial redevelopment. The Opera House may well find itself hemmed in by offices and shops, gasping for breath and with no room for any future expansion.

There are two ways of stopping the destruction. One is for the commissioners of English Heritage to reconsider their decison and withdraw their consent to the demolition of the Floral Hall. The other way is for the legal action taken by the Community Association to be successful. (The association is challenging Westminster council's consent to the plan in court, with the appeal hearing set for September 19.)

An alternative, more democratic and sensible approach would be for the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, to call in the plan and hold a public inquiry.

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Lewis Lapham

The joust that's just a jest

New York

Sooner or later I expect to see a candidate for the office of president of the United States pitted against a bear. The engagement could take place in Madison Square Garden, or any other arena convenient to the cameras, and I can imagine the television anchorman Tom Brokaw complacently assessing the candidate's prior encounters with a lion and a wolf.

Over the past 20 years the presidential campaign has become an increasingly mindless ordeal, and I wonder about the capacities that the electorate seeks to discover in the men who can survive the quadrennial gladiatorial shows.

The candidates come and go within a burning arc of klieg lights, pursued by the inquisitions of the press, weighed in the daily balance of the public opinion polls, their voting records and childhood memories sifted through the labyrinths of computer analysis.

The elaboration of the technology has the paradoxical effect of reducing the candidates to objects and the campaign to a pagan ritual. Never before in the history of the world have so many people had so much access to so much information about their prospective rulers, but the accumulated data apparently give them small comfort, and so they rely instead on what has become a trial of symbolic strength. The more that is known, the less that can be said, and the audience waits for a proof of divine or supernatural favour.

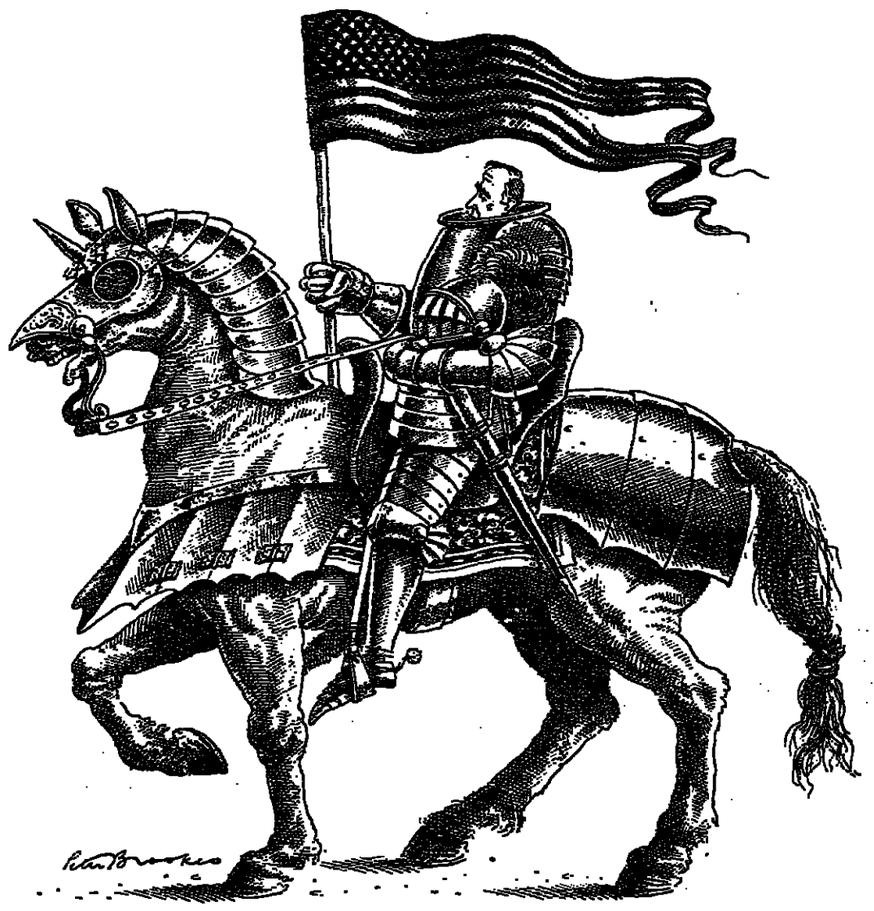
If the media stand as surrogates for the public in whose name they claim the right to know, then the withering intensity of the campaign might be said to represent the terms of the courtship imposed upon the man who would declare himself fit for the hand of the republic.

Medieval chroniclers tell of princesses who sent Christian knights in search of dragons, requiring them to recover bits and pieces of the True Cross and to wander for many days and nights in heathen forests. Toward the end of the 20th century, in a country that prides itself on its faith in reason and the wonders of its science, candidates for the presidency must travel thousands of miles, wander for months and years through the ballrooms of Holiday Inns, bear the insults of the demonstrators, answer, in 20 words or less, questions that cannot be answered in 100,000 words, smile steadfastly into the lens of the camera that never sleeps, and display, in all circumstances and any weather, not the least sign of fear or disgust.

The nominating conventions resemble the practice of readying a medieval knight for chivalrous battle. Just as the knight's squires raised him on to his horse and forced over his head the iron mask of power, so also the candidate's political valets dress him in the glittering plates of armed cliché. Were it possible to do so, they would cast him in bronze or carve him in stone.

For the Republicans at their New Orleans convention next week the mounting of Vice-President George Bush presents the awful possibility of clownish parody. The plumed helmet is too big for the candidate's head, and his grooms know that he is likely to slide off the other side of the horse. Never was there a novice captain so unsuited to the illusion of command.

By all accounts a decent man – faithful to his family and friends, as well-intentioned as the first day of school – Bush unfortunately possesses none of the attributes expected of an equestrian statue in a public park. His manner is that of the eager and perennial sophomore, and his voice, which is thin, carries the overtone of upper-class privilege in tennis clothes.



The public opinion polls show him unloved by women and trailing well behind the manly, working-class figure of Governor Michael Dukakis. Despite his considerable experience in government service (not only seven years as Vice-President but also as Congressman, envoy to China, representative to the United Nations and Director of the CIA), Bush conveys the impression of boyish fecklessness undisturbed by labour or thought.

Certainly the Vice-President means well, and if he were the president of a prep school debating team his ingenuousness might be deemed charming or cute. The same grinning enthusiasm from a man who aspires to govern the United States too often sounds silly.

Well aware of their candidate's weaknesses, Bush's attendants in New Orleans will rely on the arts of advertising. If they cannot turn him into bronze or stone, maybe they can transform him into a saleable product, which, in a commercial society, is the next best thing to immortality.

The strategy is so well understood by the political cadres in New York and Washington that they speak of Bush (as they also speak of Dukakis) as if he were a soft drink, a spray cologne or a Japanese car.

The promotion in New Orleans will make use of the two principal techniques known to the sellers of what the business calls "message icons". First, "comparative advertising" (attacks directed at the competing product) and, secondly, "branding imaging" (lies about the wonders of one's own product). In the service of the former technique the Republicans have enlisted a number of party stalwarts (Gerald Ford, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Jack Kemp, Elizabeth Dole and Pat Robertson) to denounce Dukakis as a sly demagogue and dangerous fool.

The latter technique entails tying Bush to the saddle of his horse, padding the helmet with enough styrofoam to hold it firmly in place (at least until November) and endowing him with the romance of a warrior saint. In an effort to dispel the impression of wimpishness from which he suffers, the promoters will show films of him driving powerboats, pitching horseshoes, eating pork rinds and talking to the common folk. On the last day of the convention he will stand on the rostrum against a backdrop of American flags, surrounded by his five children and 10 grandchildren, waving a brave hello to the country's bright and invincible future.

If it no longer matters what a president knows or doesn't know about the Russians or the federal bureaucracy, then by what means can the electorate choose between the rivals for its fealty and esteem?

The presidential campaign undoubtedly constitutes a fearful test of man's capacities, but his capacities for what? The one attribute that can be known and seen comes to stand for all the other attributes that remain invisible, and so the test becomes one of finding out who can survive the glare and intensity of the klieg lights.

Maybe this is why so many people find it so hard to watch the conventions on television or to read about them in the newspapers. They suspect, rightly, that the campaign bears witness to a man's transmutation into a slogan. The candidates insist so loudly on their compassion (for the sick, the poor, the disadvantaged, the afflicted, the old, etc, etc) precisely because they know they cannot afford to *feel* compassion.

To the extent that people sense that the world has become monstrous, they make of the indifference to human suffering a necessary virtue. In such a world what else counts, except the capacity to survive? The brutalization of political discourse corresponds to the brutalization of the moral dilemmas presented to the heroes of the entertainments that lead the best-seller lists.

A good many voters presumably suspect that the dealings between nation-states bear only a faint resemblance to the rules of civilized behaviour, but they would rather not know how it comes to pass that a man who would not dream of speaking sharply to his gardener finds it not only expedient but also relatively easy to order the murder of a city.

Political ends unfortunately cannot be achieved except by political means, but no American politician can afford to make so stark and terrible a statement. The public suspicion that political means require foul or unconscionable acts from otherwise upstanding citizens obliges the candidates to smother, repeatedly and convincingly, the lessons of their own experience.

The candidates who appear in the shop windows of the media must display themselves in a manner appropriate to the season's merchandise. If they wish to court the public's favour, then they must conform to the specifications on the label, either smiling or grim as befits the station of their image in a society of images. They have as little choice in the matter as a box of cereal or a hat.

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Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

Fry now, pay later

Washington

During the past few years Americans have become increasingly paranoid about a problem that Britons can only envy: skin cancer, the result of absorbing too much sunshine. Almost 6,000 Americans will die of skin cancer this year, so it is not a trivial problem. And even when it doesn't kill, excessive sun causes premature ageing of the skin and non-fatal cancers. But Americans have characteristically taken the new heliophobia to ridiculous extremes.

Now that the link between sunlight and skin cancer is well known, all right-thinking people declare that the deliberate exposure of pale flesh to raw sunlight to acquire a tan is almost criminally foolhardy – like smoking, the other leading cause of preventable cancer.

Millions disregard this interdict, of course, including many of the right-thinkers themselves, but their pleasure is reduced (or enhanced, as the case may be) by guilt.

"You cannot get a tan without damaging your skin," says the president of the American Academy of Dermatology, and the Skin Cancer Foundation says the expression "a healthy tan" is a contradiction in terms. An expert featured in a current travel magazine recommends using a sunscreen that is the equivalent of "standing in a dark basement at midnight."

Is it truly necessary for everyone who enjoys a tan to give up that small pleasure? This is the kind of decision American culture is ill-equipped to help us make sensibly. Although sunning and smoking both cause cancer, there are differences. One is that the risk of getting fatal cancer from heavy sunning is far smaller than from heavy smoking. More Americans tan than smoke, but hundreds of thousands die each year because of smoking.

Another difference is that in the case of sunning, moderation is a live option. If the vast majority of smokers cut back to two or three cigarettes a day, smoking would no longer be a serious health problem. But smoking is addictive, and few smokers can hold themselves to so few. There is no such dilemma over suntans, yet the new heliophobia rarely allows for any middle ground.

The risk of skin cancer from suntanning has three features that make it difficult to assess rationally. First, on a comparative basis, the risk is slight. To take an example from a different context, the United States is shutting down its nuclear power industry because of the tiny chance of a catastrophic meltdown; yet we complacently tolerate the certainty of lesser but still serious harms (pollution, mining accidents) from other power sources. The obsession with skin cancer is equally fallacious.

Second, the degree of risk varies with the degree of exposure. Any exposure to strong sunlight is harmful; extra caution is never completely wasted. Under such circumstances it's hard to abandon the quest for perfect safety, especially when – point three – the benefit side of the risk-benefit calculus is "merely" pleasure. A tan does nothing for the world except to make people happy. And, despite our nation's founding commitment to "the pursuit of happiness" (an "inalienable right" of all mankind, according to the Declaration of Independence), we often act as if it deserves no weight at all in making social policy. We give it weight in our personal decisions but abandon it collectively.

No one thinks a suntan is worth a serious risk of skin cancer. It's not worth a one-in-100 chance, maybe not even one in 1,000. But at some point – one in 10,000, one in a million –: trivial pleasure has its legitimate claim, even against cancer.

The two professions that guide us through that trade-off, journalism and medicine, both have professional biases against this common-sense truth. Having drawn attention to some peril, be it skin cancer, nuclear war or the melting of the polar icecaps, journalists are constitutionally indisposed to play down its enormity or to emphasize how unlikely it is to occur. Doctors are constitutionally disposed (thank God) to be extremely risk averse, and to be absolutists about the trade-off between health and other concerns.

What *are* the facts about sunshine and skin cancer? It's true that, at least for white people, any exposure at all to the sun ages the skin and increases the risk of getting cancer. It's also true, however, that the overwhelmingly greater danger is from sun burns, not from mere tanning. And it seems to be true that the risk of getting skin cancer, and even of prematurely ageing skin, is based primarily on experience of sunburn as a child.

Although dermatologists are struggling to prove otherwise, there is no proof yet that long ultraviolet rays, of the kind used in tanning parlours and the kind that predominate in sunshine at times other than around midday, are cancerous at all.

In short, the rates of skin cancer we are seeing today are the fruits of ignorant misbehaviour over the past few decades. If everyone had escaped repeated sunburn as a child, avoided the sun around midday, used moderately protective lotion the rest of the time, and settled for a butterscotch custard look rather than chocolate pudding, skin cancer would be an insignificant problem.

If people take these sensible precautions from now on – and if the ozone layer isn't permitted to deteriorate – there is no reason for them to abandon the joys of soaking up the sun. So, for the rest of the summer, feel free to go out and enjoy the sunshine. If you have any over there.

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'AUGUST 13 ON THIS DAY 1914

This report, one of a series describing life in the north of England, was written within ten days of the outbreak of war.

LANCASHIRE FACES HARD TIMES AHEAD

From Our Special Correspondent

MANCHESTER, August 12

Many who rejoiced at the closing of the ranks at Westminster must yet have wondered whether the House of Commons was accurately reflecting the mood of the nation. Had the doctrine of the united front been accepted as part of the national creed? In particular, what were the views of the great working-class population of the industrial north?

Lancashire has grim memories of war. The privations of the Napoleonic era were followed by Peterloo; the American Civil War was accompanied by the horrors of the cotton famine. In this war it has more at stake than any other manufacturing area. And captains of industry and trade union leaders can proudly join in saying that not a single voice has been raised in public to protest against the war...

The unanimity of Lancashire is surprising even to those who know and love a county which is accustomed to put its trust in mills rather than in barracks, to trade with the foreigner and not to fight him. Class distinctions never have counted for much in an area in which the mill-hand of yesterday becomes the mill-owner of today, and in which "clogs to clogs in three generations" remains an axiom of deep significance. But the perpetual conflict between employers and employed, as those who went through the weavers' lock-out of two years ago can testify, is as stoutly fought here as anywhere. To-day it is dead. The spinners have agreed to go on short time; the weavers have consented to the cancelling of their employment contracts. The two industrial parties are working hand in hand to lessen the severity of the blow which the war is aiming at the staple trade of Lancashire.

On the other hand there is no war fever. Manchester, for instance, goes about its business, as far as possible in exactly the same way as it would in any other August. The only change perceptible to the occasional visitor is the unusual and, for Manchester, uncanny quietness of the streets. One is accustomed to the noise of heavy trollies rattling on its cobbles. The noisy warehouse and goodsyard traffic has been reduced to the proportions which have before only been associated with strike time. The horses have gone to the Remount Department; in any case the home trade for the moment is dead, and there are no vessels in the Ship Canal to load cargoes.

The demeanour of the people is sober and admirably restrained. They did not shout for war as in the days before Kruger's ultimatum. They do not shout against the Germans now that we are engaged in war. There are no street demonstrations. Pumped-up patriotism of the baser sort is discouraged by the instinctive good sense of a working class which deliberately accepts the war as a national duty and not as an occasion for hysterical rejoicing...

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THE GREATER GAME

After nearly a decade of coolness interspersed with spells of hostility, Britain and Iran have embarked on two parallel games. The governments are discussing diplomatic relations and the Gulf ceasefire; Lambeth Palace and the ayatollahs are talking about hostages in Beirut.

As yet there has been more shadow-play than substance. Not only have the meetings and messages been kept out of the limelight, but the Government and Church discussions have judiciously been kept separate. This separation alone may have facilitated progress, for it has enabled the potential linkage between the hostages and diplomacy to be temporarily ignored.

It has also enabled an established channel of communications, between the Anglican church leadership and Iran, to be used instead of the channels of formal diplomacy which have so often broken down. The existence of this channel has taken the pressure off inter-government relations through a difficult period.

A time may come, however, when Iran insists that the two channels are merged and the two separate games are played as one. That is when the danger signals should be noted.

Events of the past week, which has seen the arrival of a British diplomat in Iran and a series of discussions between a special envoy from the Iranian foreign ministry and Lambeth Palace, have provided hints of how Iran might proceed. Just as important, they have also offered hints of how Iran would like Britain to proceed.

The dispatch of Mr David Reddaway to Tehran was welcomed in Iran as a "giant stride" in expanding relations. The British Government sees his three-week stay as no more than an exploratory mission to assess the usefulness of maintaining a full embassy in Iran. The discrepancy suggests that one of Iran'a objectives is to re-establish ties with the outside world and rebuild acceptability abroad.

Because Britain never broke off diplomatic relations completely, even after the beating up of a diplomat in Tehran last year, neither Mr Reddaway's arrival, nor the possible re-opening of the embassy can be hailed by Iran as the concession that it would otherwise have been on Britain's part. It is something, therefore, that can be granted without too much heart-searching.

On the main subject of discussions between Lambeth Palace and the Iranian special envoy there is also a possible avenue of progress. For a long time the Iranians have seemed to draw an equation between Iranians they believe were taken hostages by Christian militias in Beirut and Britons taken captive by Islamic groups. They have sought British help in tracing the Iranians in exchange for using their own influence to investigate the whereabouts of British hostages. The visit to Beirut of the Bishop of Cyprus represented just such a gesture.

Now, the special envoy of the Iranian foreign ministry has indicated not only that Iran would be prepared to inquire about the British hostages, including the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, but that it has the influence to get something done. This offer could be mere bluff. If not, however, it is the most conclusive evidence yet that Iran has direct influence on the hostage-takers and that the Beirut hostages have, despite Iranian denials, been a tool of Iranian foreign policy. If it is a tool Iran is now prepared to relinquish, this is progress.

But this is also where the difficulties begin for Britain. Iran may possess the influence to have the hostages released, but what is the price for using it? Moreover, the presence of a British diplomat in Tehran and discussions about the hostages in Beirut and at Lambeth Palace have raised hopes, in the Church and with the public, that their freedom could be imminent.

Both could try to put pressure on the Government to move faster than it should. For the corollary to Iran's implicit promise to engineer the release of the hostages is the threat that if Britain does not behave as Iran would like, the hostages will remain in captivity.

Iran's chief objective is said to have been broached at a meeting in New York between Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations and the Iranian foreign minister. Iran reportedly drew attention to Britain's chairmanship of the UN Security Council at a time when the terms of a Gulf peace settlement are being drafted. The inference is that Iran wants an assurance that Britain will find against Iraq when blame for the Gulf War comes to be assigned.

If this is so, Britain must remain incorruptible. There is nothing wrong with mediating in an attempt to free hostages — of whatever nationality. This is something the Government has supported from the start. There is nothing wrong with reopening an embassy in Tehran so long as there is an assurance that diplomatic immunity will be respected. There is, however, a great deal wrong if Iran now wishes to use hostages to secure an acceptable peace in the way it formerly used them to prosecute the war — to ensure supplies of arms and money.

Painstaking, but consistent diplomacy is what has brought the Iranians to talk about hostages and offer mediation. What is needed now is more of the same, not precipitate action on a bargain which may not be all it seems.

NO CARNIVAL

The annual Notting Hill Carnival is on trial. With only two weeks to go before it starts, its chances of passing unscathed look slim. West London is once more bracing itself for trouble — which is a pity because the idea (in the 1960s) was a good one.

As a spontaneous expression of Caribbean gaiety, it filled the grimy streets through which it moved with good will and fellow feeling. The original crowd of 7,000 some 23 years ago has grown to about 1.5 million. They come from all over the country, attracted by the biggest street festival in Europe.

It has become, however, a victim of success. Although always an obvious target for petty criminals, the carnival did not attract serious violence until 1976, when more than 600 were injured in street battles. The police have tried to keep a low profile in recent years. The sight of smiling bobbies joining in became a regular feature of carnival time. But an undercurrent of violence has always been there.

Last year on Bank Holiday Monday it surfaced again. More than 1,000 crimes were committed, including murder, and 240 arrests were made by police. As the carnival spirit evaporated in the twilight, angry residents in Notting Hill demanded "never again."

The police decided to give it one more chance. Last spring, they reached agreement with the organizing Carnival Arts Committee on a number of new restrictions to keep the peace. These included curbs on the sale of alcohol and street trading, moves to keep down the noise from amplifiers, an attempt to end the festivities at dusk, the closure of certain streets to enable emergency services to get through and the enlargement of the carnival area to prevent the crowd from becoming too concentrated.

All these were dependant, however, on the recruitment of 500 stewards to enforce them. Less than half of these stewards have yet been found. Some of the carnival's sponsors have withheld their grants and a firm of management consultants has produced a sharply criticial study of the organization. With only a fortnight to go, the picture is one of anger and disarray and a rapid loss of public confidence. The police are understandably concerned

The main weakness of the carnival is that it has grown too big. Had it been allowed to continue as a voluntary, amateur effusion of good spirits, it might have remained a universally popular event in the London calendar. Fed by subsidies, however, it has swelled to such a size as to be unmanageable.

Among those who most look forward to it now are old-fashioned muggers, new-style mugging teams who go by the name of "*steamers*", *old-fashioned* pickpockets and drunks, and the latest in high-tech heroin pushers. All these may, as is claimed, represent only a small minority of the crowd. But the effect they have is devastating.

One possible solution is to reduce the carnival's size. But this is more easily said than done. The number of floats and side-shows is easier to limit than the number of those who come to watch. The alternative is to take the carnival off the streets and on to some nearby open space. This might not be to the liking of those who run it, but unless they do better this time, the police will be left with little option.

The evidence of recent weeks suggests that the event has grown beyond the capacity of the carnival committee. If they cannot or will not reduce its ponderous bulk, and show proof of *their ability to control it*, they will have to appoint a professional organization.

If such alternatives prove unacceptable or ineffective, then the carnival itself will have to end. It was originally seen as a means to improve race relations in West London. But the effect it is having now is quite the opposite.

Those who are responsible should know that they have one more chance to get things right. The one thing that united all the main candidates in the recent Kensington by-election was their pledge to work for restrictions on the carnival. It seems a pity that the committee has so far provided so little evidence of progress.

Glenfinnan standard

From Dr Godfrey W. Iredell

Sir, Mr Iain Thornber (report, July 30) may gain further support from the Murray-Threipland papers (*Miscellany of the Scottish Hist. Socy.*, IX (1958), 208-9) that the monument at Glenfinnan does not mark the exact position at which the Stuart standard was raised on August 19, 1745.

The account there given is that about 5 p.m. Prince Charles Edward

orderd his Standard to be carried to the other side of the river Finnan where it was displayd, wch was done by the D. of Athole carying it . . . in the following manner, *viz.* as soon as the D. of Athole crossed the River, he gave the Standard into the P's hands who returned it back to him wth orders to display it wch the Duke did standing in the middle of the Medonalds, and immediately the King's and Prince's declarations were read.

Mr Donald Nicholas (who edited the manuscript) and Mr Seton Gordon were of opinion that the place was on the small hill of Torr a' Choit (*Oban Times*, August 8, 1959).

Yours sincerely,
GODFREY W. IREDELL,
Woodlands, Braithwaite,
Keswick, Cumbria.

Safety at sea

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, Mr Grimsdick (August 6) complains about the shipping forecasts which he found so inaccurate on his recent passsage from Alderney.

I sail single-handed all the year round in whatever happens to be the weather at the time. While accepting the value of up-to-date broadcasts, I am also sufficient of an applied mathematician to know that the exact state of the weather at my yacht's current position cannot possibly be accurately relayed to me over the radio from some far-away transmitter.

Seamen over the centuries have set forth over the oceans without electronic aids, and have (mostly) arrived at the other side. The art of seamanship seems to me to include the art of coping with whatever states of sea, tide and wind one happens to encounter. I take far more notice of what the sky and barometer are doing than the radio forecasts. Back to basics!

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe,
Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr and Mrs Paul Heiney

Sir, Mr Grimsdick must have been remarkably unlucky in his yachting trip. We have just completed a 99-day circumnavigation of the British coastline, listening to three shipping forecasts a day, plus the Marine call telephone service, and we have yet to catch them out in any remotely important error.

Considering the disgracefully erratic behaviour of the actual *weather*, we think this is pretty good.

Yours sincerely,
LIBBY PURVES,
PAUL HEINEY,
Yacht Grace O'Malley,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cause of crisis in prison system

From Mr David Chance

Sir, It is sad to read (article, August 6) that John Wheeler, Chairman of the Select Committee on Home Affairs, blames the crisis in the prison system squarely on the Prison Officers' Association. Certainly the POA is becoming more militant, particularly in the city-based prisons, but the crisis, and the cause of their militancy — which I would call exasperation — goes much deeper than his analysis allows.

In Blundeston prison the POA is strong but certainly not militant. East Anglians do not waste time disputing orders; they try to make whatever system is imposed on them work, and this is what has been achieved with "Fresh Start", even though their full complement of prison officers, on which Fresh Start is based, has never been brought up to strength. Down the road, at Norwich, the shortage of prison officers is even more acute and the militancy, if that is the right word for it, is more pronounced.

Even at governor grade the shortage is appalling. At Blundeston two are on duty, more or less permanently. Two others are making slow recovery from *serious heart attacks. Our entitlement* is five, and apparently no replacements are available.

At this level, concentration has to be directed to containment, as far as the prisoners are concerned. There is no time left for counselling, and very little for supervising any of the few retraining facilities. This, in my view, is the saddest part of the crisis.

Most of our prisoners are "inside" for from five to 10 years. As one of them said to me recently: "When I came in here I knew no trade, and when I go out I will still not have a trade, so I shall have to return to the only job I know, which is burglary."

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CHANCE (Chairman,
Board of Visitors),
HM Prison, Blundeston,
Suffolk.
August 6.

Personal injury

From Mr Stanley Heath

Sir, I read with great interest the letters (August 4, 11), about personal injuries cases.

Several cases have gone to the House of Lords over the failure to disclose documents where some parties have used technical arguments to frustrate the disclosure of documents which go absolutely to the issue between the parties.

Unfortunately, the process of discovery usually occurs after the exchange of pleadings and is made on a summons for directions.

It would be of considerable advantage if it were compulsory for litigants, within 28 days of the service and issue of the writ by the plaintiff, to list all the documents they have in their possession. The court could then decide which were privileged from disclosure. Failure to do so would attract a penalty.

I believe that would result in a considerable saving of costs and time in litigation and would lead to much earlier settlements.

Yours truly,
J. STANLEY HEATH,
Stanley Heath & Co., Solicitors,
58a Church Street,
Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire.
August 11.

Limited issue

From Mr B. M. Gray

Sir, Mr Hoole (August 4) should visit Australia. The Reserve Bank of Australia issued a plastic $10 note on January 26 to commemorate the Bicentenary. The note incorporates an optically variable device showing Captain Cook, together with a clear see-through area to make counterfeiting more difficult.

If similar technology were employed in this country then not only would the £10 note last *longer, but the £1 coin could* become obsolete and holes in pockets a thing of the past.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN GRAY
(Marketing Manager),
ICI Films,
PO Box 6, Shire Park,
Bessemer Road,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
August 5.

Time for a clean-up

From Mr H. V. J. Heywood

Sir, Having arrived back in London from a week in Paris I found your feature, "Thrown by the rubbish heap" (August 5), very apposite. *In Paris one cannot fail* to be impressed by the cleanliness of the streets and public places; in London, one is impressed by the opposite.

In Paris, you see everywhere the green livery of the city's cleansing department. Men with brooms, vehicles with water sprays are *constantly cleaning the gutters and* the surfaces of the streets. The dustbins are emptied frequently and are of the type with fixed lids which your article mentioned. *(They also have wheels).* The most remarkable sight was the men on motor cycles with vacuum cleaners mounted on the back, who patrol the streets cleaning up dogs' droppings and litter.

The whole exercise is obviously extremely expensive in man-power, equipment and cash, but the authorities are clearly committed to maintaining the beauty of their city.

Yours faithfully,
H. V. J. HEYWOOD,
15 Roxwell Road, W12.
August 6.

From Ms Penelope Parfett

Sir, I disagree with Mr Rubenstein (August 10) — the responsibility for rubbish and litter-strewn Britain lies with the British public and nowhere else, certainly not as a consequence of the "rule of market forces."

There are market forces elsewhere in Europe, but those countries do not suffer the problem of litter as in Britain — Switzerland to name but one.

It is the inhabitants of these islands who need to be educated. If they took their rubbish home, surely there would then be no need for litter bins!

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE PARFETT,
120 Mill Street,
East Malling, Kent.
August 10.

Transplants touchstone of humanity

From Dr Hywel Davies

Sir, I appreciated Mr Levin's article (August 4) about transplants. I know what he means about the inner voice, and in 20 years of involvement with heart transplants I have never quite lost the sense of disquiet about swapping human organs, to say nothing of pigs and baboons.

And yet — and this is something *which, in the nature of things* Mr Levin can have little experience of — there is another equally deep sense which tells us other things. It is not easy to say this without sounding precious, but there is the sense that there is something fundamentally right about making people better and saving them from imminent death, even though the rescue is necessarily temporary and provided that better means better.

A patient came back the other day, seven-and-a-half years after a heart transplant, and told me that what it had most meant to him was that it had enabled him to be with his children while they grew up. For another, it was that he was able to play golf three times a week. Another painted passionately for the four years that he was given.

Most are grateful just to be alive and, whatever my misgivings, I cannot find it in me to contradict them, to think that it should not be, or not to feel well that, in some small way, I helped them get there. I do not know how to measure the significance of these things in relation to cataracts or hernias or prostates and neither, I believe, does anybody else.

There was a time when eye surgery, prostate and open-heart surgery and hip replacement were experimental. Now they are taken for granted. People will go on trying to make new things work, whatever the constraints. I know, perforce, a little about the motivations of doctors, ranging from the pure to the venal and from the benign to the malign. It would be easy, though, to lose sight of the former in the strong light which tends to be shone on the latter.

The comments of Mr Levin are in no way ill-placed, but I am sure that he too will recognize that none of us knows exactly where he is going. Our paths must not be too closely confined by those who claim to know better, and a small *still voice tells me, like the laundry* advertisement, that sometimes out of the blue comes the whitest wash.

After all, am I not right in saying that Chesterton and his friends, before they went to Paradise by way of Kensal Green, in fact got to Birmingham by way of Beachy Head?

Yours sincerely,
HYWEL DAVIES,
As from: 6a Cranmer Road,
Cambridge.

Low flying that creates alarm

From Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC

Sir, Whilst deploring the loss of life from the collision of the Tornadoes in the Lake District *area (reports, August 11, 12)* and recognising, as you have done in your leading article (August 11) the strategic importance of low-flying training, may I make a plea *that such training be discontinued,* at least when the Lake District is crowded with visitors.

I am responsible for maintaining open to the public John Ruskin's *old* home, Brantwood, with its 250 acres on the hillside of Lake Coniston. We get over 35,000 visitors a year.

I have seen visitors of all ages *collapsing with fright* and shock from jets swooping over the house and grounds with a terrifying noise, accentuated by the hilly nature of the area.

Indeed, when I visited a low-flying training centre on the east coast, a navigator told me that Brantwood was a landmark for trainees!

John Ruskin objected to the noise of the local railway, now sadly not in use.

May I join with you in a plea to the Ministry of Defence to preserve the reservoir of good will for RAF low-flying training by abolishing such training during *the holidays.*

Yours faithfully,
LLOYD of KILGERRAN,
Brantwood,
John Ruskin's Trust,
Lake Coniston,
Cumbria.
August 11.

From Mr Robert K. Ledsom

Sir, May I assure your leader writer that the noise experienced on a London arterial route (see address) bears no comparison with the alarm and stress induced by very low-flying Tornado aircraft in Cumbria.

Our farmhouse, a few miles from the recent crash, is frequently and dangerously skimmed by these warplanes. Their earth-shaking sound, especially at night, is frightening to family and animals precisely because it never fails to induce a sense of imminent catastrophe.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT LEDSOM,
92 Maida Vale, W9.
August 11.

In Eliot's mind

From Mr David Nathan

Sir, Mr R. V. Smith (August 11) carefully selects a number of groups — Saxons, Franks, Italians, Spaniards, Japanese — who, for centuries, at least, have never seen their children and parents mercilessly slaughtered because expressions of dislike over centuries have created the dehumanisation that made it possible.

When he says that the crimes, which he acknowledges, have given rise to a situation where people cannot vent their hatred — which he euphemises as a "foible" — he turns cause and effect inside out.

When he adds that only one group (presumably the Jews) is protected and "unremittingly" protects itself against any expression of "the foibles of the rest of humanity" he is wrong. Try:

The rats are underneath the piles
The black is underneath the lot.

Cure for gazumping?

From Mr Richard Castle

Sir, The mechanics of conveyancing seem in theory quite straightforward. The practice of conveyancing is not. The problems with Mr Pollock's proposal (August 10) are these: it sets no time limit on exchange of the formal contract; it is one-sided because it gives the seller no let-out but provides the buyer with several; *it depends entirely upon* an interpretation of that notoriously flexible word "reasonably", and no seller would sign it, particularly if he is himself the would-be buyer of another property.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CASTLE,
Mabor Farm,
Clearbrook,
Yelverton, Devon.

Could we have a memorial centenary fund to celebrate the author of those lines? Would leading blacks support the fund as leading Jews have promoted the Eliot *fund?* That they have done so is not tolerance, but absurdity.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NATHAN,
16 Augustus Close,
Brentford Dock,
Brentford, Middlesex.

From Professor M. C. Bradbrook

Sir, It is not an excuse for T. S. Eliot but may be an explanation that in the years 1917-22, when he wrote verses offensive to Jews, he was working in the foreign department of Lloyd's Bank on international discussions. In one poem, "A Cooking Egg", he puts Sir Philip Sidney and a Jewish financier, Sir Alfred Mond, side by side, ignoring the Jews fighting in Flanders, where Sidney died. He did not later continue in a view so unjust.

He knew well that all sorts of people made money out of the war.

Yours sincerely,
MURIEL BRADBROOK,
91 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

From Lord Bonham-Carter

Sir, In his article, "The mark against Eliot" (August 9) Mr Anthony Julius writes that the London Library is marking the centenary of T. S. Eliot's birth "by fund-raising for young writers".

This is not so. The T. S. Eliot *Centenary fund hopes to raise not* less than £100,000 and the moneys collected will be used to help with the subscriptions of students and needy scholars who would otherwise be unable to take advantage of the library's facilities.

Both were objects which were endorsed in the address Mr Eliot gave on assuming the office of president of the library in 1952. In addition this fund will enable the library to buy books essential to it but which would otherwise be beyond its means.

Yours faithfully,
BONHAM-CARTER
(Chairman, Appeal Committee),
The London Library,
14 St James's Square, SW1.

Welsh wizardry

From Colonel W. Pakenham-Walsh

Sir, Mr Abse may have been less than generous (Diary, August 10) to the director of the Royal National Eisteddfod who admitted that he could not regulate the wind.

If he was responsible for regulating the sun so that passengers on the good ship Waverley could sail from Penarth pier towards the sun setting in the south-east behind Weston-super-Mare, then this surely was wizardry of the highest quality.

Yours sincerely,
W. PAKENHAM-WALSH,
Wesley Cottage,
Bourton,
Gillingham, Dorset.

Waldheim link in war crime

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, I have not seen the report which Mr Rhodes James, MP, is reported (August 10) as saying Dr *Waldheim* signed about the interrogation of Captain Warren; but from what I know about Dr Waldheim's service in the military intelligence section of German *Army Group E* at Arsakli it is probable that he not only signed it but drafted it.

That, however, does not prove that he took part in Captain Warren's interrogation, *still less* that he intentionally furthered Captain Warren's special treatment pursuant to Hitler's infamous commando order.

The duty roster for the officers serving in the military intelligence section at Arsakli during the spring and summer of 1944 has been found; I have seen it and I *have heard some oral evidence* about the organisation of that section at that time. There were three junior staff officers in it, all of equal rank. Two had interrogation duties, the third, Dr Waldheim, was in charge of the office.

Morning and evening he had to give his commanding officer a summary of the intelligence which had come in during the preceding 12 hours. This would include reports from his brother officers about the results of their interrogations.

Any decisions made on his reports were outside his control. He was then only 23 years of age.

Yours faithfully,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
Mordryg, Stoptide,
Rock, Nr Wadebridge,
Cornwall.
August 10.

Emigration of Jews

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative) and MEP for London North (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Whilst you are right to report (August 2) the increase in Jewish emigration from Russia, I should like to make three points based upon my recent visit to Moscow as *part of a group of European* parliamentarians.

Welcome as the increase is, the level of emigration is still low compared both with the latent demand and past trends. Thus the July figure is still equivalent on an annualised basis to 38.6 per cent of the level of emigration in 1979.

There are still many cases of *divided families, of individuals* being refused visas on spurious grounds of secrecy, and of refuseniks having to wait many years for their visas. Thus Leonid and Olga Gershun, of Leningrad, have been told not to reapply for a visa until 1998, 20 years after they first applied for one. This is despite the fact that their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild have been allowed to emigrate.

Mikhail Gorbachov has presided over a sea change in Russian thinking. Until such cases are satisfactorily solved, there will be doubt about the sincerity of Russian intentions.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
August 3.

Jumping the gun

From Lieutenant-Commander J. B. Lamb, RN

Sir, With reference to recent letters on outfitting (July 28; August 2, 4, 6), my generation of candidates for entry to Dartmouth found themselves measured for their uniforms by a man from Gieves the tailors, who also stood us and our parents tea, after our initial interview and medical in Russell Square. This must have added to the chagrin of the three quarters who failed.

After the final written examination, the first notification of success came from Gieves.

Even now, 60 years on, I still keep a modest account with this obliging firm.

Yr obedient servant,
JOHN LAMB,
Burrow House,
Tywardreath,
Par, Cornwall.
August 6.

TV at Hungerford

From Mrs Jill Marchant

Sir, Having read and much approved of the case made out by *Brian James (Spectrum,* August 10) for the Hungerford community to be allowed to grieve and "now to be spared our curiosity", it was somewhat bizarre to read *your footnote advertising a forth*coming television programme relating to the Hungerford events.

Yours etc,
JILL MARCHANT,
April Cottage, Byworth,
Petworth, Sussex.
August 10.

Time to pay

From Mr John McFadden

Sir, Yesterday I read (report, August 8) that the first fines would soon be imposed for failure to *provide answers within 21 days* to the questions asked by the officer compiling the poll tax register.

Today I received a reply from the poll tax officer to my request for various items of information. Not all my questions had been answered and it had taken 66 days to get a response.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN McFADDEN,
16 Lansdowne Crescent,
Glasgow.
August 9.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 12: The Duke of York this morning attended a Press Preview for the unveiling of a new set of Royal Mail High Value Stamps based on his own photographs of famous British Castles at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, SW1.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Kenneth Young (Post Office Vice Chairman).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

Birthdays

TODAY: Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 46; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, 59; M Jean Borotra, tennis player, 90; Sir John Bunting, civil servant, 70; Marquess Camden, 58; Dr Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, 61; Sir Moore Crosthwaite, diplomat, 81; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, 76; Mr R.D. Jackman, cricketer, 43; Sir John Milne, chairman, Blue Circle Industries, 64; Lord Oram, 75; Sir James Richards, architectural historian, 80; Lord Sainsbury, 86; Dr Frederick Sanger, OM, CH, biochemist, 70; Mr George Shearing, pianist, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 70.

TOMORROW: Major-General J. W. Channing Williams, 80; Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, former chairman, Ryman, 43; Miss Sarah Brightman, singer, 27; Mr Fred Davis, snooker player, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Dawnay, 84; Mr Buddy Greco, singer, 62; Dr H. Montgomery Hyde, historian, 81; Dom Philip Jebb, headmaster, Downside School, 56; Professor Sir Andrew Kay, surgeon, 72; Lord Mishcon, 73; Dr Oliver Neville, principal, RADA, 59; Mr Frederic Raphael, author, 57; Lady Swaythling, former chief controller and director, ATS, 80; the Right Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 59; Mr Feliks Topolski, painter, 81; Sir Charles Villiers, chairman, British Steel Corporation (Industry), 76; Lord Whaddon, 61; Mr Sydney Wooderson, athlete, 74.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal will open the Sheltered Housing for cancer patients at the Marie Curie Foundation Hunters Hill Home in Glasgow at 2.30; will visit the Glasgow Garden Festival at 4.10; and will attend the 1988 International Police Tattoo at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow at 7.40.

TOMORROW: Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the new stadium for Scunthorpe United football club at 1.00.

Rabbi Ephraim Gastwirth

Time to be good, not to do good

The mores and ethics of society are changing rapidly, and organized religion is turning in all directions seeking to retain a central role in the shifting scene. In some areas of life, religion is becoming more popular, not least among politicians — and while politicians speak religion, religious leaders speak politics.

There is danger in becoming popular, however; standards tend to decline. Like a great symphonic theme adapted to a pop song, essential features are obscured or omitted. Religious expression itself has changed in recent times. In the United States, it is exploited by the mass entertainers and has become popular entertainment. In this country, it is regarded more and more as a vehicle for social welfare and as an instrument for political and social change.

The essential role and primary purpose of religion is largely neglected. "You shall be holy, for I the Lord am holy" is a command to mankind to aspire to lead a holy life within society. The divine commands which follow (In Leviticus 19) are a means to an end — to raise man up to the divine heights of which he is capable.

The religious establishment, however, is too busy with its social welfare programme to have much time to change man for the better. It is concerned, in a businesslike manner, with figures and statistics and reports: £80 million is to be raised for urban renewal over the next 20 years by the Church of England. With, no doubt, a vast machinery and bureaucracy to raise and administer its fund. A valuable and necessary project which will occupy much time and energy.

Practical efforts at social engineering must not detract from the essential effort to improve the nature and behaviour of man. The opening words of the psalmist will always remain the best way to improve the lot of mankind. "Happy is the man that has not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scoffers."

It is easy to confuse doing good to others with being good oneself. Of course one must do good. To love one's neighbour as oneself is a basic command of the law of Israel. But it does not end there. It is easier to do good than to be good. Doing good brings instant rewards, a warm feeling of righteousness which is only a step from self-righteousness, which in turn can so easily lead to hypocrisy and evil. And so often, the personal life of those engaged in charitable works contributes to the moral malaise of society. They may justify their own shortcomings by their charitable efforts and so help to maintain the sick society while trying to alleviate its pain.

An aspirin does not cure a cancer. It is not the people who lead lives of morality and holiness who are responsible for the hundreds of thousands of neglected, abandoned and abused children, for the spread of Aids and other sexually transmitted diseases that are the cause of so much suffering, the innocent suffering no less than the guilty.

But organized religion seems largely to have given up the task of changing the individual. The words "thou shalt not" are barely heard from the lips of spiritual leaders and all the emphasis is placed on the need for social change, for religion by government, for clearing up or ameliorating the mess left by an immoral society. This is not only an error in religious teaching, it cannot succeed. Society cannot become a decent, safe place to live unless the people who comprise it are decent and moral. We may have, and doubtless will have growing armies of social workers, policemen, probation officers, prison warders. We may operate larger prisons, clinics for drugs and drink addicts until the country and the economy groan beneath the burden. Finally, however, we shall be submerged.

Our whole mentality is directed to clearing up the mess or, at least, holding it in check instead of seeking to cure a moral disease. The answer to an exploding prison population cannot be only to build more and bigger prisons, except as a temporary measure, nor to find sophisticated devices by which criminals can be imprisoned in their own homes. The answer to mass, hysterical violence cannot be more and more police. Who will police the police?

The answer can only be to convince people, children, to lead a moral life and that a moral life is a good life. The task of religion is not to change the political system but to change the individual by changing his mental attitude.

Society has adopted a supermarket mentality. The material things of life are openly displayed and are instantly available. The payment is left until later. A permissive society similarly encourages people to take what they want, now. The code words are no longer "thou shalt not" but "thou shalt covet and do whatever you wish, when you wish". "Why not?" was the slogan invitingly printed on the T-shirt worn by a teenager. She had obviously not been taught about moral right and wrong.

The efforts of science and commerce are directed to make it easier to have what you want without paying the price. The pill, the condom, easy abortions cannot cure the moral corruption caused by immoral behaviour. The price is paid in sexual abuse of children and adults, rape and violence. Those whose souls are emptied of spirituality seek to fill their emptiness with drugs and promiscuity.

There is a desperate, urgent, need to give people both young and old a sense of goodness — "being" good, not only of doing good. Religion must address itself again to individuals, not only to society. The Ten Commandments were given in the singular. "I am the Lord, thy God. Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not not covet" etc. Although God spoke to all mankind, he used the singular form of address. When all else has failed, and the prisons are over full, the hospital clogged with Aids and mental patients, the drug and alcohol clinics have done their best, and society continues to suffer, perhaps that might be the time to hear the still, small voice of the divine moral law speaking to the heart of each person.



Mr Vivian Davies, the new keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum. He has just returned from the first British Museum commercial tour of Egypt, in which he lectured to 84 tourists. The holiday venture was set up with Thomas Cook to raise funds for the museum and is likely to be extended to other departments next year. Mr Davies said yesterday: "It is part of the financial realities of today. I would prefer to be spending my time curating, but this is not so very far from our normal activities." Mr Davies, aged 40, joined the British Museum in 1974 (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

OBITUARY

JEAN-PIERRE PONNELLE

Original and fertile opera director

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, one of Europe's most prolific opera director-designers, died in Munich on August 11 at the age of 56.

Ponnelle stimulated his audiences with his original and fertile mind: his productions were unconventional and never dull.

Born in Paris, he spent part of his childhood in Baden-Baden, West Germany, and studied music, history and art.

He worked firstly as a set designer for a decade but became restless at what he considered the inadequacies of some producers. He then spent two years in Algeria in the army, during which time he resolved to become his own director.

Ponnelle's debut as director came in 1961 with his production of Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde* in Dusseldorf. "Ninety per cent of the audience thought it was a scandal, ten per cent loved it," he later recalled.

His first international triumph was his 1968 Salzburg production of *Barbiere*, which also began his partnership with Claudio Abbado. After that he never looked back and was in constant demand by the leading opera houses of the world. He had an association with the Salzburg Festival extending over twenty years.

Having reached international repute, Ponnelle was able to dictate his own operatic terms: he insisted on being both director and designer.

He worked with most of the leading musicians, including Herbert von Karajan, Karl Boehm and Daniel Barenbohm.

He often faced the criticism that his productions were gimmicky, having toomany personal and idiosyncratic ideas. He disagreed that he had too many ideas: the only question was whether the ideas disturbed the music. If the answer was yes, then the criticism was justified, he said.

When he was 20, Ponnelle had worked in Berlin as an assistant to Carl Ebert, who was to have a major influence on him. Ponnelle regarded Ebert as his first true opera teacher. "From him I learnt that the first requirement of a director was to have total respect for the music," he said.

His productions contained many novelties. For his version of *Turandot* for the San Francisco Opera in 1977, for instance, the stage was dominated throughout the opera by a 25ft high statue of a bare-breasted female buddha, with eyes that opened and closed and wept bloody tears.

Ponnelle worked at Covent Garden in 1973 with his first Donizetti opera *Don Pasquale*. Three years later the Glyndebourne season opened with his new production of *Falstaff*.

In 1984 Luciano Pavarotti returned to opera in London in Ponnelle's production of *Aida*: it was a production in which some critics felt the director had included ideas which would have been best left on the drawing board.

From the mid-1970s, Ponnelle was also involved in the production of film versions of the leading operas. He filmed *The Marriage of Figaro* at Shepperton Studios in 1975, which was subsequently shown on BBC television.

His other films included *The Barber of Seville, Madame Butterfly* and *Rigoletto*.

Ponnelle married, in 1957, Margit Saad, the German actress and director. They had one son.

PROFESSOR CHARLES CLARK

Professor Charles Clark, an outstanding surgeon with an international reputation in the field of peptic ulcer and intestinal diseases, died on August 8 at the age of 62.

Clark had much influence on the creation of clinical standards and the development of his specialized field of surgery and initiated important new practices.

He had been Director of Surgery and Gastroenterology at University College, London, since 1967.

After war service in the army, during which he worked in blood transfusion laboratories in Bristol and India, he qualified at Aberdeen University with commendation and a number of prizes.

Clark's initial surgical training was in that city, though he spent a year in London with Dr (later Sir John) Vane, who gave him his interest in the physiology and pharmacology of the stomach.

He returned to Aberdeen in 1958 to become senior registrar and then Senior Lecturer, before going to Leeds as Reader in 1964.

During this time he achieved the somewhat unusual "double" of both an MD and a surgical Mastership, the latter with honours.

Throughout the period of his clinical and scientific training he was one of a large band of young surgeons that had the benefit of a remarkable expansion of academic surgery in postwar Scotland under the influence of three men: Sir Charles Illingworth in Glasgow; the late Sir James Learmonth in Edinburgh; and the late William Wilson in Aberdeen, for whom he worked.

They were exciting times in surgical research and practice and undoubtedly created the attitudes towards the pursuit of excellence which were to characterise the rest of his professional life.

It was also a time of rapid and effective development in the speciality of gastroenterology, which combines so well the activities of physicians and surgeons. Clark threw himself into the field with all his considerable energy and industry.

He was able to exercise a large influence - mainly through the British Society of Gastroenterology, of which he was to be both Treasurer and President - on the creation of clinical standards and the development of the speciality.

In his own hospital Clark brought into being a combined medico-surgical organisation which is a model of its kind.

Such was his reputation that at home and overseas he was widely in demand as a lecturer, examiner and adviser.

His department has recently been in the forefront of the therapeutic application of lasers and he was especially proud of this initiative.

A compassionate man whose ability to relate with patients from all walks of life and to put apprehensive students at their ease was legendary, he was ever a doughty fighter and a firm believer in the Scottish academic tradition.

He sometimes found, as have other Scottish surgical emigrants for at least a century and a half, that his forthright methods of expression and the directness with which he could put his case did not endear him to less clear thinking colleagues. In consequence, he perhaps achieved less than he felt was his due.

Nevertheless he inspired respect from his contemporaries, made many friends and had the unequivocal loyalty of his staff.

Stricken in the last few years by serious illness he continued to work at his lifelong surgical interests in the expressed hope that he would die in harness.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

DR WIT TARNAWSKI

Dr Wit Tarnawski, an expert on the life and works of Joseph Conrad, died on August 4 at the age of 94. He was president of the Joseph Conrad Society (UK) and was the author of books and articles on the writer.

Witold Tarnawski was born on July 6, 1894, at Kosów, then under Austrian rule in Eastern Galicia.

His secondary schooling and university education were in Lwów, where he obtained his medical doctorate in 1926.

His studies were interrupted by the First World War, during which he served in the Austrian army on the Italian front, and by the Polish-Soviet war of 1919-20, in which he served on the Northern front.

He took part in the battle for Warsaw, known as the Battle of the Vistula.

From 1923 until the outbreak of the Second World War he assisted his father, Dr Apolinary Tarnawski, in running the latter's sanitorium on Kosów.

Tarnawski left Poland before the Soviet invasion of 1939 and in 1940 and 1941 was chairman of the Polish National Committees in Rumania and Cyprus as well as the "Polish Hearth" in Jerusalem.

From 1942 he served with the Polish Armed Forces of the Middle East as Chief Medical Officer of Cadet Schools, with the rank of captain.

In 1947 he brought his pupils to England, where from 1950 to 1954 he worked in the Polish hospital at Penley. From 1955 he was a consultant at the Mount Pleasant Geriatric Hospital, retiring to live in Monmouth, Gwent, in 1966. He was awarded the Officers' Cross of the Order of "Polonia Restituta" in 1976.

His books included a novel, *Ksiadz Antoni* (Father Anthony), *A Study of Three Writers of Christian Despair* (Greene, Mauriac and Bernanos) and numerous literary articles, but the works by which he is best known are *Conrad Zywy*(1957), and a book first published in Polish in 1972, appearing in English in 1984, *Conrad: The Man, the Writer, the Pole*.

At a time when many scholars began to perceive in Conrad's works deep ambivalances, ambiguities and even despair, this Tarnawski saw in his beloeved master's works the qualities which he himself so well embodied: steadfastness, fidelity and a determined belief in the potential goodness of humantiy.

He married, in 1951, Maria Joanna Platowska, who survives him.

MR WALTER POUCHER

Mr W.A.Poucher, whose passion for mountain scenery inspired him to become a noted mountain photographer, died on August 5. He was 96.

Walter Poucher (a name he preferred to the William Arthur he was baptised) was the son of a Lincolnshire corn merchant.

In his youth he wanted to be a professional pianist but this was denied him and instead he went to King's College, London to study chemistry. He qualified in 1912 and during the First World War served as a captain in the RAMC.

After the war he specialised in the synthesis of flower perfumes and in 1923 published *Perfumes, Cosmetics and Soaps*, which is still regarded as the definitive work.

He became chief perfumer for Yardley and in 1954 was the first European recipient of the gold medal of the American Society of Cosmetic Chemists.

It was a visit to the Lake District after the First World War that so impressed him and sparked off his life long love of mountains and his passion for photographing them.

He was determined to show the excellent landscape quality which could be got from the then new miniature cameras and he remained a devotee all his life.

Poucher's first mountain book was *Lakeland Through the Lens*, published in 1940. It was a great success and some 30 others followed.

Although it was the Lake District that gave him his early inspiration, his fascination for mountains expanded and he travelled widely, not only to other parts of Britain but also through Europe and America recording the mountain scene.

His photographs had an outstanding technical quality but are perhaps now regarded by another generation as a little old fashioned.

Poucher was elected a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society in 1942 and was given the distinction of Honorary Fellowship in 1975.

He was guest of honour at the British Mountaineering Council dinner in 1983, when, despite his age — then 92 — he drove to Wales, gave a vigorous and witty speech, then drove off again back to the Lakes.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.H.G. Arnold-Wallinger and Miss J.E. March
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Arnold-Wallinger, of Islip, Oxfordshire, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John H. March, of Hong Kong.

Mr G. Barber and Miss P.J. Whitehead
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mrs Hilda Barber and the late Mr Eric Barber, of Peterborough, and Penelope, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Whitehead, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Mr P.D. Baxter and Miss H.K. Whitwell
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of the Rev Dr Colin and Mrs Baxter, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Whitwell, of London, NW8.

Mr A.T. Burton and Miss F.M. O'Neill
The engagement is announced between Andrew Taylor, eldest son of the late Mr Bill Burton and of Mrs Joy Burton, of Maulden, Bedfordshire, and Fiona Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Sean O'Neill, of Limerick, Republic of Ireland.

Mr M.T. Greig and Mlle S. Effront
The engagement is announced between Maurice, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Greig, of Rome, Italy, and Sabine, elder daughter of M and Mme Yves Effront, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr J.A.Y. Hill and Miss B.M. Hall
The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of Mr and Mrs John A. Hill, of Mountfield, Sevenoaks, Weald, Kent, and Barbara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S. Hall, of York.

Mr M.D.O. Kidd-May and Miss P. Heneghan
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D.J.O. Kidd-May, of 9 Mayfield Rd, Summertown, Oxford, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Heneghan, of 10 Boileau Rd, Ealing, London.

Mr N. Matheson and Mrs C.A. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Neil Matheson, of Denham Village, Buckinghamshire, and Carol Agnes Fraser, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr J.N. McLeman and Miss E.C.F. Street
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs James McLeman, of Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, and Francesca, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Street, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr G.H. Nankivell and Miss C.D. Orvis
The engagement is announced between Graham Henry, elder son of the late Mr R.H. Nankivell and of Mrs J. Nankivell, of the Hague, Holland and Christine Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.W. Orvis of Hornchurch, Essex.

Mr M.J. Owen and Miss C.F. Cardy Brown
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Owen, of Ashington, West Sussex, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian F. Cardy Brown, of Rushlake Green, East Sussex.

Mr S.J. Swift and Miss R.C. Dewey
The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs S. Swift, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A.P. Dewey, of Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Captain R.J. Edmondson-Jones and Miss J.A. Cousin
The marriage took place on Wednesday, in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, between Captain Robert Edmondson-Jones, Royal Anglian Regiment, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Edmondson-Jones, of Easingwold, North Yorkshire, and Miss Jill Cousin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Cousin, of Ufficulme, Devon.

Mr J.D. Graham and Miss H.E. MacDonald
The marriage took place on Thursday August 11, in Chelsea Registry Office, between Mr Joel David Graham and Miss Heather Eleanor MacDonald.

Mr P.K. Hedges and Miss J.J. MacQuitty
The marriage took place on Friday, August 12, at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Philip Hedges, elder son of Mr Richard Hedges and the late Mrs Fiona Hedges and stepson of Mrs Sonia Hedges, of Charlton House, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Miss Jane MacQuitty, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William MacQuitty, of Elm Lodge, River Gardens, London, SW6.

Mr F.J. Smith and Miss E.L. Wood
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 6, at the Church of St. Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton, North Yorkshire, of Mr Frazer Jackson Smith, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Smith, of Bedford, to Miss Edwina Louise Wood, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest Wood of, Sheriff Hutton. The Right Rev. Anthony G.W. Hunter officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Claire Leslie and Lynda Farnham. Mr Andrew Weston-Webb was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in the West Indies.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1756; Sir George Grove, engineer and editor of the music dictionary bearing his name, London, 1820; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, Bowdon, Cheshire, 1879; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Helensburgh, Strathclyde, 1888; Felix Wankel, engineer, Lahr, Germany, 1902; Makarios III, primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, president of the Republic of Cyprus 1959-74, Paphos, Cyprus, 1913.

DEATHS: Jeremy Taylor, divine, Lisburn, Antrim, 1667; René Laënnec, physician, Kerlouanec, France, 1826; Eugène Delacroix, painter, Paris, 1863; Sir John Millais, president of the Royal Academy 1896, London, 1896; Florence Nightingale, London, 1910; Jules Massenet, composer, Paris, 1912; H G Wells, London, 1946; Henry Williamson, author, London, 1977.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Charles Hutton, physicist, Newcastle, 1737; Richard von Krafft-Ebing, neuropsychiatrist, Mannheim, Germany, 1840; John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, Kingston Hill, Surrey, 1867.

DEATHS: John Fletcher, clergyman, Madeley, Shropshire, 1785; George Combe, phrenologist, Edinburgh, 1858; Richard Jefferies, writer, Goring, Sussex, 1887; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of *The Times* 1908-22, London, 1922; Sir Landon Ronald, composer and conductor, London, 1938; Willam Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, Beverly Hills, California, 1951;

Appointments

Three new trustees have been appointed to the board of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). They are Miss Jane Asher, actress and author, Mr Robert Worcester, chairman and managing director of Market & Opinion Research International (MORI), and Mr Stephen Love, Headmaster of Roundstone Community College, Sussex.

Old Etonian Association

The Old Etonian Association will publish a new Address List of Members this autumn. Information from members to help bring this list up-to-date will be gratefully received by the Clerk to the OEA, Carter Centre, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6DB.

SCIENCE REPORT

The long-forgotten botanist

Alexander Anderson (1748-1811), botanist, may shortly enjoy a brief moment of glory unlike any he enjoyed during his lifetime. Thanks to the efforts of Professor Richard Howard, of Harvard University, Anderson's major opus — *Hortus St Vincentii* (The Plants of St Vincent) may soon be published, some 180 years after it was written.

It is a rare day when a scientist feels the need to look back to, let alone publish, earlier work in the original. While Beethoven's music and Jane Austen's novels may continue to thrill, 18th-century scientific treatises usually only interest historians of science.

But Professor Howard found that even though Anderson's work is nearly two centuries old, its publication will clear up some scientific puzzles about the fauna of the Caribbean islands that have bothered Professor Howard and other botanists.

Anderson arrived at the island of St Vincent by an extremely indirect route. He was born in Scotland, studied at Edinburgh University, and had gone out to New York to visit his brother and collect plants

The American War of Independence began, and Anderson and his brother took opposite sides. Alexander tried to flee to the English colony of Suriname, but his ship was captured by privateers and he was imprisoned in Martinique.

From there he managed to escape to St Lucia, where he worked as a hospital attendant



Paul Bryant

and made the acquaintance of George Young. Young was a botanist who had earlier established a botanical garden on St Vincent, but the island had fallen into French hands.

When the British recaptured the island in 1785, Anderson got the job of restoring the garden. The French-backed revolt of the native Carib peoples interrupted his work, but Anderson was industrious in seeking new plants

He was succesful in cultivating breadfruit trees brought to St Vincent by William Bligh on the way back from his second voyage to the South Pacific. The first had ended in the mutiny on the Bounty.

Anderson studied, classified and catalogued Caribbean flora. And he sent his writings to the famous British botanist William Forsyth (as in the plant *Forsythia*) for publication. But Anderson's work was neglected, and his papers languished in a drawer of the Linnean society until recently.

Professor Howard stumbled across Anderson's work while writing *The Flora of the Lesser Antilles*, a comprehensive account of the plants of the Caribbean islands commonly known as the Windward Islands. He was puzzled by why it was that St Vincent, a small island north of Grenada, contained many plants also found in South America. Why had they migrated to this one island only?

The answer lay in Anderson's work. Many of the plants on St Vincent were not there naturally, but had been introduced by Anderson.

***Hortus St Vincentii* explains exactly where Anderson had got them from and illustrations of the plants, painted by John Tyley, a black artist from Antigua, has helped identification. Among them, for example, was *Solanum seaforthianum*, a plant so closely associated with St Vincent that it is known as the St Vincent Lilac. But actually it is one of many plants Anderson had brought back from South America.**

The fact that Anderson's work languished so long may have robbed him of at least a measure of scientific fame. In Howard's words: "Anderson received a very dirty deal . . . if his manuscript had been published, at least 50 plants in the West Indies would have different names today".

Seth Shulman and Alun Anderson

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Latest estates

Captain Oliver Payan Dawnay, of London SW7, a partner of Grieveson, Grant, stockbrokers 1961-80, and formerly private secretary and equerry to the Queen Mother, who played a delicate liaison role during the crisis over Princess Margaret's romance with the Queen Mother's former comptroller, Group Captain Peter Townsend, left estate valued at £845,987 net.

Mr Frederick William Fenning, of Caversham, Berkshire, the atomic physicist and former deputy director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, left estate valued at £263,313 net.

Rear Admiral Ernest Mill, of The Forge, Upton Grey, Basingstoke, Hampshire, Director General of Aircraft, Admiralty, 1959-62, left estate valued at £151,086 net.

Mr Ernest Ratter, of The Conifers, Lea Rigg, West Rainton, Co Durham, left estate valued at £349,668 net. After personal bequests, he left the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Anthony Albert Brown, of The Homestead, The Ham, Coaley, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £162,063 net. He left his entire estate equally between the Gloucester Cobalt Unit Fund at Cheltenham General Hospital, the Gloucester Royal Hospital, the Woodland Trust and National Trust.

Other estates, net before tax paid, include:

Mr Edward Ralston Jones of Beaconsfield, Bucks., £281,942.

Mr Gordon Cameron Kinnan of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, £600,826.

Mrs Connel Auld Leggatt of Souldern, Bicester, Oxfordshire, £484,347.

Dr Peter Rowland Baber Sankey of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, £288,397.

Miss Florence Kathleen Pye Smith of Beckenham, Kent, £430,704.

Mr Thomas Wilson of Old Wingate, Trimdon Station, Co Durham, £275,664.

Mr Arthur George Barnett, of Stone, Staffs, £418,057

Mr John Barr, of Winchcombe, Glouc, £377,570

Helena Margaret Birkett, of Lymington, Hants, £392,595

Mrs Dorothy Edith Boyadjis of Wentworth, Surrey, £427,

Mr David Brown, of Whitsta Kent, £350,570

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
Proverbs 4.24-25

BIRTHS

ANDREWS - On August 3rd, 1988 to Jane (née Gregory) and Colin, a son Jeremy Simon.

BAZLEY - On August 12th, at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Laura (née Morris) and Stuart, a daughter, Catherine Mary.

BONNICHON - On August 3rd 1988, in Paris, 33 Avenue Rapp, 7eme, to Olivia and Jean-Marc, a daughter, Manon.

BOWEN - On August 11th, to Jacqueline (née Stevenson) and Roderic, a beautiful daughter, Annabel Jane Campion

DILLBRIDGE - On August 11th, to Sue and Martin, a daughter, Harriet Mary.

HARRIMAN - On August 11th, to Jane and Paul, a son, Frederick George, a brother for Alexander, Thomas and Madeleine.

HAWKINS - On August 11th, to Charlotte (née Richardson) and Hilary Malcolm, a daughter.

LESLAU - On August 12th, to Maxine (née Liebermann) and Nicholas, a son, Ori Marcus.

PADFIELD - On August 11th, in London, to Mary (née Playfair) and Nicky, a son, Jo.

POLHILL - On August 7th, to Claire (née Johnson) and Julian, a son Harry Nathaniel Frederick.

SCANDRETT - On August 11th, to Caroline (née Martindale) and Bill, a son, Edward, a brother for Catherine and Lizzie.

STEWART - On August 11th, to Victoria (née Williams) and Charles, a son, Toby Vansittart

STOPPANI - On August 9th 1988, at the Portland Hospital, to Dale and Ian, a daughter, Skye, a sister for Sinead.

SUTHERLAND - On August 11th 1988, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Judy (née Pearce) and George, a son, Alexander James.

TEMPLE - On 3rd August to Elizabeth (née Horton) and Nicholas a daughter Camilla

WHITE - On August 4th, to Gillian (née Perkinson) and David, a daughter, Laura Emily.

DEATHS

AUSTEN - On August 7th, 1988, peacefully at home in her 90th year, Lilian, widow of the late Dr. A.E. Austen of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Beloved mother of Gordon, Margaret and Geoffrey and loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service on Tuesday 16th August, 12 noon at Southend Crematorium.

BEACH - On August 8th, 1988 suddenly at home Canon Arthur James (Angus) aged 84 years, loving husband of Madge. Donations if desired to The Parkinsons Disease Society c/o 36, Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

BUCKINGHAM - On August 11th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Gerald, much loved husband of Norah and devoted father of Sarah and Jane. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary The Virgin, Shenfield, September 6th at 12 noon.

CHAPLIN - On August 9th at home, Joan of Ingatestone, Essex, aged 76. Widow of Timothy Ernest Chaplin. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Stock, on Wednesday August 17th, at 2.00pm. Floral tributes may be sent to T Pennack & Son.

DALLISON - On August 9th, peacefully at 3 Rowan Road, Bicester, Geoffrey Alan, aged 80, husband of Margery Marion. Private funeral 2 pm, Monday 15th August. Family flowers. Donations if desired to Bicester Community Hospital.

DE BURGH - On August 10th 1988, peacefully after a valiant battle with an illness which he accepted and fought with great courage, Group Captain R.U.P. de Burgh, O.B.E., R.A.F. (Retd), (Dick), much loved father of Charles, Simon and Jane. Husband of Janet and brother of Barbara. Service at Wadhurst Parish Church on Thursday August 18th, 1988 at 10.30am, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund or the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

FINDLAY - On August 9th peacefully at St George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, Sussex, Patricia Margaret Mary (née Crawshay). Funeral service at St George's Retreat at 10 am on 17th August.

FORD - On August 11th, peacefully at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, after a short illness, Richard Bruton, Commander RN, aged 88 years. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Yelverton, on Wednesday August 17th, at 2pm, followed by burial at Buckland Monachorum Cemetery. If desired flowers may be sent to H. Porter & Son, 19, Emma Place, Stonehouse, Plymouth, to arrive before 11am Wednesday.

GIBSON - On August 7th, after a long and intensely painful illness borne with fortitude and humour, Benedicta Joan, aged 76, daughter of the late Cannon C.S.T. and Mrs B.F.K. Watkins, for 46 years the devoted and dearly beloved helpmeet of Henry Gerson, and Benedicta Watkins to the Antiques Trade. The funeral (strictly family only) has already taken place, but it is hoped to hold a Memorial Service in London later in the year.

HONEYMAN - On August 11th at U.C.H., Michael, aged 63. Cremation at Golders Green West Chapel, on Wednesday August 17th at 11.50 am. Family flowers only.

JOHNSTON - On August 11th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Doris Lillian, aged 90, dearest mother of Richard (Loombe), Gill and Judy, beloved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Aldeburgh Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

MACKIE - On Tuesday, August 9th, in Aberdeen, Nicola Katharine, aged 53 years, daughter of the late John Mackie and of Joan Mackie, of Oxford. A much loved daughter and sister. Funeral service on Wednesday August 17th, at 2.00pm, in Kings College Chapel, Old Aberdeen, followed by cremation in Aberdeen Crematorium.

MacLEOD - On August 11th, David aged 30, suddenly and tragically in Clitheroe. Much loved youngest son of Stella and Donald and brother of Peter and James.

McBRIDE - On Thursday August 4th, at 1.00 pm, peacefully, Thelma Marguerite (née Bridle), in Earl Mountbatten House, Fairlee, Isle of Wight. She is not alone.

MITCHELL - On August 11th 1988, peacefully at home after a long illness. Tim, dear husband of Stella and much loved father of Susan, Gillie, Lindsay and Clare and all his grand children. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Badminton, Glos on Thursday 18th August at 11 am. Cut flowers only please or a donation to Ward 16, St Martin's Hospital, Bath.

PHILLIPS - On August 11th 1988, peacefully in her 95rd year at her home in Bexhill-on-Sea, Enid Elizabeth Dora Phillips, widow of Col. Alfred Phillips, C.B.E., and loving mother of Michael and Christopher. Funeral service at Hythe Parish Church on Friday August 19th at 2.30pm, followed by burial in Saltwood Churchyard.

SOUTHERN - On Thursday August 11th 1988, suddenly at his home, John Southern, Darling husband of Annette and a beloved father and grandfather. Funeral on Tuesday August 16th. Service at St. John's Church, Read at 11.30 am followed by interment in the churchyard. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be sent to Save The Children Fund, c/o The Manager, National Westminster Bank, Grimshaw Street, Burnley. Enquiries to Barrowsties Funeral Service, Padiham. Tel (02882) 71628

TUCKER - On August 11th, peacefully, Herbert Walter, aged 77. Much loved husband of Mary Wilson and father of Pela Mary and Jeremy. The funeral will take place at St. Lawrence Church, Cnossall, Stafford at 3pm on Monday August 15th. Family flowers only. Donations for Local Medical Aid and Masonic Charities. Postal gifts to Jones & Ferriday (Solicitors), Newport.

WATKINS - Benedicta Joan - see Gerson

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEA SEIDL - Actress/singer. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden on September 22nd, 1988 at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BLACKSHAW - Ben. On the weekend of his birthday, not forgotten by his friends.

PHILLIPS - Dorothy Ellen, my beloved sister who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge on 13th August 1987, after a short, extremely painful illness borne without complaint. 'To live in the hearts of those who love is not to die'. Rachel.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BELSEY-SIDGWICK - On August 13th, 1938, at Keston Parish Church, John to Elizabeth. Present address - Flat 3, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, Kent.

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Saleroom

Summer-time buyers stay out in the sun

Selling, as the man with the icecream van will tell you, is a fickle business (Jenny Gilbert writes). Who could blame Bonhams, the enterprising Knightsbridge auctioneers with the in-house credit card, for wanting to repeat the success of last November's "London sale?". And with the capital thronged with summer visitors, shouldn't it do better still?

But Wednesday's careful selection of print, oil and watercolours depicting London life flopped badly. Prices seldom nudged their estimate and much was left unsold. Perhaps on a rare day of hot sunshine no-one fancied views of a murky Thames in swirling fog, and bought icecream instead.

On Thursday however the wind changed. Private buyers jostled for a space to bid at Bonhams' Marine Sale, admittedly a grand affair timed to coincide with Cowes Regatta. The total of £402,138 was 50 per cent up on last year.

A portrait of a billowing galleon by the perennial favourite Montague Dawson predictably made the top price of £28,800 (estimate £15,000 – £20,000) and a dramatic William Wyllie entitled "The Phantom Ship" sold for £26,400 to an investment company. Ship portraits by Somerscales and Butterworth also sold exceptionally well.

While the larger auction rooms take their August break Christie's South Kensington branch ticks over with a plethora of smaller sales. A glorious catalogueful of antiquated ironmongery and mechanical apparatus came under the hammer this week. Sewing machines sold particularly well to both trade and private buyers, with a "Princess of Wales" lock-stitch machine on a curly gilt iron treadle going for £2,400.

Amusement machines which once spewed six penny bits for a line of cherries or lemons were another popular line fetching up to £500.

The most bizarre lot of this intriguing sale was surely the Victorian plaster medical torso with detachable innards which sold for a round £100.

Inner Temple awards

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple has awarded the following Law Grants, Accommodation Awards and Benefactors' Scholarships for 1988:

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Julia Cumming, LL.B. Hons of University College, Cardiff, £1,200.

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Sadakat Kadri, BA Hons of Trinity College, £1,200 to include a Horace Avery Scholarship worth £450.

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Katherine Joy Skinner, LLB of University of Liverpool, £1,200.

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Song without words on the Embankment, from Marcel Marceau, the world's most famous mime artist, who is in London for his first appearance for four years and announced yesterday he would be briefly abandoning his character Bip in his new show. Displaying an unexpected eloquence in English, he said: "I like martial arts and used to fence myself. I want to show the magic of the samurai, not in a parody but in homage." M Marceau's three week season at the Sadler's Wells Theatre, opening on Tuesday, contains another novelty – a scene in which he does not appear. Instead three of his assistants, trained at his school in Paris, will portray three men tossed in a boat during a tempest. M Marceau, who first played in London in 1952, said he admired the Anglo-Saxon sense of humour and revealed himself a fan of Dickens, Chaplin and Olivier.
(Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Shrewsbury Flower Show

Winner talks to his plants

A crowd estimated at 50,000 attended the first day of Shrewsbury Flower Show to be rewarded by what the judges called "the best display yet at the finest summer show in the British Isles."

Large nursery firms and humble cottage gardeners competed for the trophies at a show which cost Shropshire Horticultural Society a record £350,000 to stage.

The top award went to Mr Martin Robinson, aged 71, a vegetable specialist whose family nursery is within sight of the M6 near Preston, Lancashire. It was the second successive year he has won the trophy and yesterday he revealed the secret was his "communication" with his prize-winning exhibits.

"Prince Charles was right when he said there is something to be gained from talking to plants. I have an affinity with my vegetables in which they communicate with me. When I go near them they can tell me that there is something not quite right. I get the message, I act accordingly and here I am with the major trophy again", he said.

For years Mr Robinson competed closely with Mr Percy Thrower for the main trophy. Mr Thrower died in January but his memory was still very much with yesterday's show.

Mr Robinson said: "It is not quite the same without Percy. He had been around at Shrewsbury flower show for more than 40 years and we all miss him".

At the time of his death Mr Thrower was planning this year's exhibit of fuchsias – his favourite flower. This was staged yesterday by his widow Connie and three daughters Margaret, Susan and Ann; it gained the trophy for the best display of fuschias as well as a gold medal.

The Show Society announced last night that it had set up a £40,000 bursary in Percy Thrower's name for young horticulturalists.

RESULTS
Trade section – finest display: W Robinson & Son, Forton, Preston; runner-up Allan Newsham, Southport (Bonsai Trees). Best display featuring water: Bayley's Garden Centre, Shrewsbury. Dahlias: P Tivey & Son, Syston, Leicestershire. Roses: Fryers Nurseries, Knutsford. Chrysanthemums: Langlands Nurseries, Shipton-on-Thorpe, York. Fuchsias: Percy Thrower Garden Centre, Shrewsbury. Hardy plants: Bayley's of Shrewsbury. Special Awards by judges – Sinclair Horticultural, Lincoln: Sutton seeds, Torquay: Sandwell Metropolitan Council and Tom Bebbington Dahlias, Bisworth, Devon.

Open amateur section – Foliage plants: D C Owen, Shrewsbury. Fuchsias: R E Brown, Shrewsbury. Begonias: K Gallagher, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Cacti: J W Martin, Market Drayton, Shropshire and M Thompson, Wolverhampton. Carnations: C Slack, Bak

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Saturday 13 Aug, 7.45 pm — 5.30 pm Iannis Xenakis in conversation with Fiona Maddox. 6.15 pm Xenakis La Legende d'Eer tape piece — sound projection by the composer. £4 (concessions £3). 7.45 pm — Stockhausen Mantra for two pianists & Simon Limbrick and Martin Allen (percussion). Mantra for two pianists is performed by London Sinfonietta Voices, Ronald Zollman (cond). Kontakte performed by Gerard Bouwhuis (piano), Paul Keek (percussion). £6 (concessions £4). Sound projection by Ian Dearden.

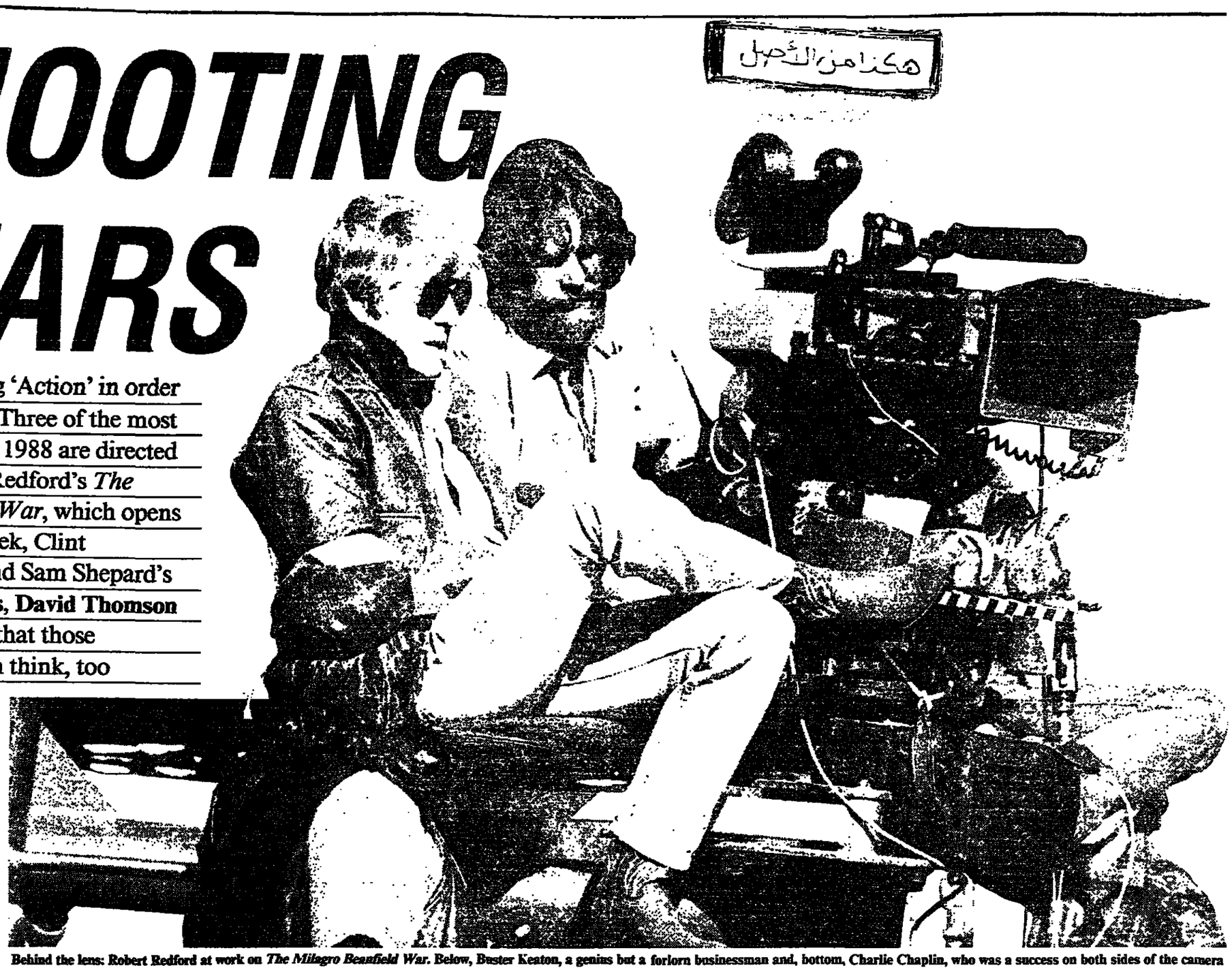
Sunday 14 Aug, 7.45 pm — 6.00 pm Tape concert: Birtwistle 3 Tape Interludes from The Mask of Orpheus. Thierry Lancino Static Actress. John Chowning Sya. Sound projection by Ian Dearden. £4 (concessions £3). Madema Musica su due Dimensioni. Roscat Passage (Bit I cremi). Scientific Come versione precedente in movimento (Entrance) performed by Roberto Fabriciani (flute), Nono Sotteranei and Varese Espace

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SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

SHOOTING STARS



Actors are shouting 'Action' in order to get a piece of it. Three of the most interesting films of 1988 are directed by actors: Robert Redford's *The Milagro Beanfield War*, which opens in London next week, Clint Eastwood's *Bird* and Sam Shepard's *The Far North*. It is, David Thomson writes, a reminder that those handsome guys can think, too

Behind the lens: Robert Redford at work on *The Milagro Beanfield War*. Below, Buster Keaton, a genius but a forlorn businessman and, bottom, Charlie Chaplin, who was a success on both sides of the camera

When Jack Nicholson was about to direct his first film, he rang Clint Eastwood for advice. "Get a lot of sleep," came the laconic reply. Eastwood may have made the transition from actor to director look easy. Behind the scenes, it can be hell.

Someone has to act as if in charge on a film set. The picture won't get made without that show of management: the script has problems; the re-writes are worse; the actors playing the lovers don't get on; the cameraman believes *he* should be the director; the Teamsters have asked for more; today's scene calls for three actors, a crew of 27 and lights that create a temperature of 108°F in a room hardly big enough for two.

In such turmoil, directors have been elected because they were tall and commanding. Some say those assets helped D.W. Griffith to creative power and glory, and that he strove for further authority by wearing hats on the set. Other directors sported riding boots, cracked whips and gave way to theatrical fury if crossed. They acted like directors, for they understood two principles of the business — that any decision brings reassurance in a crisis; and that everything has to do with the business of show. Griffith, Erich von Stroheim and Ernst Lubitsch had all been actors before they played the part of director.

In the robust, early days of picture-making, it was easier to go from one side of the camera to another. Not many people believed in directors then. Movies required action and a camera. A cameraman, it was assumed, knew where to put the camera and how to expose the film. Actors could do the rest, perhaps with the aid of "story" merchants who shouted out some inspired action seconds before the actors improvised it.

It was in the making of comedies that the comedians saw how some jokes worked, or played better, depending on the way they were filmed. Those clowns truly "made" their films, in the way that it is now apparent Fred Astaire "directed" many of his numbers. (Astaire insisted on a certain camera style: the whole figure must be in the frame; no close-ups of feet or face; each dance filmed in real time, in one shot when possible. Astaire deserves much more than a dancer's credit.)

In the language of film criticism, those clowns were responsible for the *mise-en-scène* — the precise way in which action is visualized. From Charlie Chaplin to Jacques Tati to Jerry Lewis, comedian-directors explored the double helix of action and camera.

Chaplin took over every task; he even became the company that made made the pictures. But Buster Keaton gradually lost credit and control, and made only a fraction of the money that Chaplin made. Chaplin was a genius of a clown and a domineering producer. Buster was only a genius and a forlorn businessman.

In our own time, there are superstars who have directed — to try it, and to avoid being exploited: Jack Nicholson with *Drive, He Said* and *Goin' South;* Warren Beatty with *Heaven Can Wait* and *Reds;* Robert Redford with *Ordinary People* and *The Milagro Beanfield War*. Not one of those films is bad, and two won Oscars for Best Direction. But the one with the most pronounced personal style was the greatest flop — Nicholson's *Drive, He Said*. If you want real flair, style or beauty from a modern actor-director, I recommend *Yentl*, by Barbra Streisand.

"Making a movie" has always meant so many things. On the one hand, it is dreaming up a project and a way to film it, then realizing that dream on film with all the arts and crafts involved — but doing it for someone else. That's how Marlon Brando made *One-Eyed Jacks*. But when he delivered a film so long, and so obscure, he was told he hadn't known what he was doing. The picture was taken out of his hands — because it had never been in his control.

Orson Welles was in a similar position with *Citizen Kane*. He was given a remarkable "carte blanche" contract by RKO in the late 1930s. He was to be responsible for the script, direction and production of a film. And act in it. Welles could not have won that liberty if RKO hadn't felt he was known as an actor, as well as a producer/director. Nor would *Citizen Kane* be as moving as it is (that's why it endures) if Welles was not acting in it, pretending to be Charlie Kane, but doing what he always liked best, flirting with the image of himself.

But Welles had no "participation" in the film. He was not "in charge" in the way that now seems essential to Beatty, Redford or Eastwood — as it did 70 years ago to Chaplin. Welles was paid for what he did, for the job. But if *Kane* had made a profit, Welles would have seen none of it.

When today's actors propose to direct, they *may* have Welles's love of the medium, if not his prowess or the passion, but not one of them goes to work without a percentage of the profits, and priority with it — in other words, something from the first dollars earned, not just when accountancy declares a profit.

Such actors are producers before they are directors. And producers are most celebrated and treasured for reason, prudence, clarity, efficiency, toughness, compromise and talking big — virtues not always compatible with passion, daring, originality and film style. *Ordinary People* seems to me like a film made by a sound textbook — whereas *Drive, He Said* is the revery of an intense nut, and *Yentl* the outpouring of a headlong, lyrical egotist. Next to *Yentl*, the very intelligent *Reds* seems like a plan for an epic, a way of putting John Reed, the subject of the film, and Beatty together on the cover of *Time*.

Of course, if actors have the wit and clout to get a major piece of the action it may seem naive not to take it. In the history of film-making, actors have had ample opportunity to believe they could do things better. Many of the famed directors of film's golden age confined their advice to actors to "Action" and "Cut". They did not know how to talk to actors, or consider that it was necessary. Hence the impact in the 1940s and 1950s of a director like Elia Kazan, who loved nothing better than prolonged intimate colloquy with actors — and actresses — about their motivation.

From early days, actors thought they had been in enough films to know how to direct. The experiment seldom lasted. Lillian Gish directed her sister in one picture. Lionel Barrymore did several movies. In the 1950s and 1960s, when actors were taking charge of their careers, Burt Lancaster, Dick Powell, Karl Malden, Ida Lupino and John Wayne directed a few. Cornel Wilde went from being a dull actor to an authentic primitive as a director.

One actor who had slipped from stardom into difficulty directed a masterpiece: Charles Laughton with *The Night of the Hunter*. He was not tempted to act in the film; in any case, the studio wanted a star like Robert Mitchum. But Laughton seems to have recognized the task and beauty of directing: he studied movies in museums before he began, and he hired Stanley Cortez, the cameraman on Welles's *Magnificent Ambersons*. He understood what direction could be, and thereby outshone most of the directors for whom he had acted.

There have also been occasions when essentially non-acting directors have elected to go in front of the camera. I am not thinking of Alfred Hitchcock's copyright walk-ons, deft turns that help us see how all the actors are his toys. Rather, I mean cameos where a director signs a film or finds a very telling entrance to it, a way to help us in — like Michael Powell in *Peeping Tom*, the cruel father who raises his son in cinema; Roman Polanski electing to be the one to slit Nicholson's nose in *Chinatown;* the woeful figure of Nicholas Ray, arriving too late at the planetarium at the end of *Rebel Without a Cause*; Martin Scorsese as the neatly dressed raging cuckold in the back of the cab in *Taxi Driver;* Sam Peckinpah, the coffin-maker at the end of *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*, dryly commending his Garrett for seeing where the story has led him.

Such directors' performances have their model and peak: it is Jean Renoir's Octave in *La Regle du Jeu*, the director playing a man who has to help his friends' arrangements, and who causes tragedy when he tries to find a role for himself. The alertness Renoir gives Octave, the encouraging gestures with which he urges his actors on, are the clearest signs of a director who has felt compelled to cross over the line and join his own work. I would guess that being with Renoir in that film was like being with Welles in *Kane* or with John Cassavetes in his films — it was to be better, more alive. For there are movies in which acting and life are indistinguishable.



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Flying tonight

TRAVEL NEWS

Late booking holidaymakers have never had a better choice. With as many as half a million August packages still unsold, few popular destinations are unobtainable. But if the range of holidays available in the next few weeks has never been better, the discounts available are surprisingly modest. Seven-night packages are running at an average £180 to £190, and a fortnight on a Mediterranean beach is selling for about £250.

Bill Thomson, of the Pickfords travel agency chain, said: "This is the first year in which the major tour operators have large pockets of capacity in August. Last year you could have sold August twice over, but this year it looks as if there may still be as many as half a million holidays still to sell this month."

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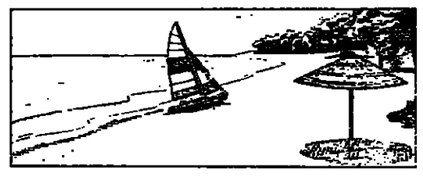
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Travel and much more is the subject of *Worlds Apart*, a selection of Gavin Young's reports published in paperback (Penguin, £4.95). This inveterate traveller, best known for his book *Slow Boat to China*, sets a scene with few words and uncanny sureness. His travels as a foreign correspondent in war and peace are as pleasurably re-readable as the despatches of James Cameron.

Collins Illustrated Guide to All China, **by Charis Chan, £8.95, is up to the minute and down to earth. Rehearsing the benefits of pre-booked travel arrangements and group tours for first time visitors, she writes: "Your status and connections in China may be the only deciding factor in the allocation of flights, seats and rooms; for 'first come, first served' is definitely not a Chinese motto." As a companion volume to a pile of holiday brochures on China, it should prove a helpful choice. In the same series is *Collins Illustrated Guide to Fujian*, by Caroline Courtauld, also £8.95.**

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As Worpswede near Bremen prepares for its centenary year, **Hilary Finch** explores this haven of art set among the marsh meadows of Saxony

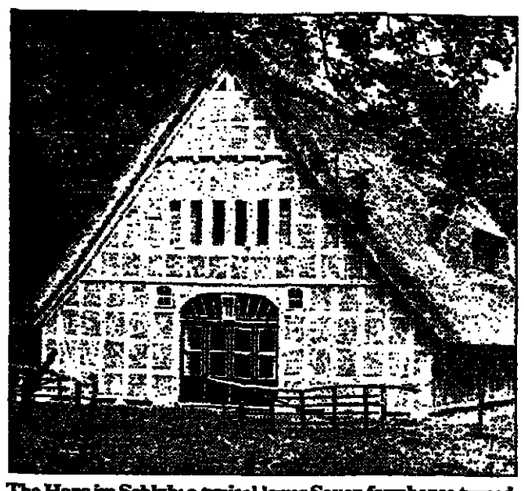
Bus ride to Vogeler's kingdom

It may appear on the map as the Lilienthaler Heerstrasse, semi-detached and suburban, but everyone in Bremen knows it as "the road of moaning and groaning". And nobody quite knows why. It leads, perhaps significantly, to the dark Teufelsmoor, a real devil's landscape of bare marshland and heath, on paper a methodical spider's web of drainage ditches, in reality a flat, green surface sinking under a cloud-heavy sky.

And it leads to Worpswede. Today, the village in the marsh meadows of Saxony, between the Elbe and the Weser, is the destination of the 140 bus from Bremen railway station. In 1884, an art student from Düsseldorf called Fritz Mackensen arrived perched on the open top deck, set down his easel and, within five years, had founded an artists' colony which is still flourishing. The names mean little outside Germany. Otto Modersohn, Hans am Ende, Fritz Overbeck: their *plein-air* landscapes of deep skies, long horizons, flat plains bisected by the glinting verticals of canals and silver birch are overshadowed by the achievements of their mentors, Corot and Millet.

Paula Modersohn-Becker is the only member of the colony to have achieved international recognition: she arrived in 1898 and died in 1907 after giving birth to her first child. She painted the slow river Hamme with the dark sails of the long flat boats which transported turf from the marshes to Bremen. She animated its ochre sand dunes with ducks, geese and Gauguin-like peasant figures. She noted that the watery land surface, not the sun, was more often the true source of light.

She was the centre of an extended artistic family which included the poet Rilke. With his wife, Paula's friend Clara, he stands slightly off-centre in the precariously symmetrical group portrait, "Summer Evening at the Barkenhof", painted by Heinrich Vogeler just before the original colony's disintegration.



The Haus im Schluh: a typical lower Saxon farmhouse turned into a living memorial to Vogeler and his contemporaries

If Modersohn-Becker is the name which has reached the galleries and the greeting card manufacturers of Europe, it is Vogeler himself who is omnipresent in Worpswede. As the colony prepares for its centenary year, his two daughters, Martha and Bettina, shrewdly put their house in order and scrutinize prospective guests. Provided you are on your best behaviour and arrive after lunch, the Haus im Schluh is just the place to start.

The "Schluh" or "slough" itself has been tamed into a garden of roses, foxgloves and poppies: the house, its diligently even half-timbering weighed down by an immense sloping roof, is a typical lower Saxon farmhouse turned into a living memorial to Vogeler and his contemporaries. He was the social conscience of the colony, the William Morris of North Germany.

His communist activity caused irreconcilable rifts; but, before he emigrated to the Soviet Union where he died in 1942, he left his elegant art nouveau fingerprints on everything he touched, from tapering silver spoons, to tulip-backed chairs, to pages of finely wrought fantasy illustration for Dante and Oscar Wilde. Each object in the warm, dark house, calls forth a piping "Das hat mein *Vater* gemacht!" from the diminutive, white-haired Bettina, who presides over the picture collection and the weaving workshop while her sister runs the guesthouse.

Five minutes walk away, hidden in a copse of silver birch, is the village's nerve centre, the Café Worpswede and the Grosse-Kunstschau. Those who have already been in Bremen and seen the metamorphosis of medieval gable into *Jugendstil* extravaganza which is the Böttcherstrasse, will be prepared for the shock. Those less familiar with the eccentric architectural imagination of Bernhard Hoetger will reel at the sight of a pair of drunken gables, upturned like huge wings, and supported from within by what seems to be a huge totem-like ship's mast. It is Hoetger's "Tree of Life"; have at least one pot of strong Bremen coffee before attempting the adjacent art exhibition.

The Friedrich Netzel Gallery in Bergstrasse is testimony to the originality and vigour of the new Worpswede generation. If it all becomes a little claustrophobic, there is land enough to expand into: long walks along dyke walls stretch the lungs and eyes to horizons so flat and far away that in winter it's possible to put on a pair of skates and set off for Holland.

When both eyes and legs are weary, there is the old railway station. That was Vogeler's work as well. Built in 1911, it was restored to its art nouveau splendour in 1980, and its first, second and third-class waiting rooms now offer appropriately hierarchical levels of cuisine, from farmers' stews of cabbage and bacon to the garlic-tinted niceties of distant southern lands.

The line to Bremen is now overgrown, the platforms silent. But back in the proudly independent free Hansa town, Vogeler's stylized flower-fronds decorate the ornate Guild Hall which forms the lower part of the mighty Rathaus. Hoetger's eccentric roofs and turrets house yet another gallery of Modersohn-Becker, just as they sheltered her canvases, locked up and wrapped in brown paper, from the predatory hands of the Nazis.

Not only for the Modersohn-Becker-Haus, but for its neighbouring bookshops and boutiques in the Böttcherstrasse, is Bremen an irrestistible base for Worpswede. As the austere gables of coffee and tobacco merchants twist and twirl through architectural history *into the noble decoration of* the late 19th-century Bremer houses, and as Kaufhof and Benetton inch in between fishermen's taverns, Bremen creates and restores its own perspective.

The Rathauskeller offers 600 different wines, and the huge green lung of the Burgerpark, in which the city at times seems quite lost, shows heath and marsh civilized once again.

ALAN WELLER



Art of making faces: a mother and child playing beside a statue by Bernhard Hoetger at the entrance to the Café Worpswede

TRAVEL NOTES

Guesthouses abound in Worpswede itself: information from Fremdenverkehrsamt, Bergstrasse 13, 2862 Worpswede. Bremen offers excellent accommodation, from humble inns to the *luxurious Park Hotel from* £60 a night (Tel: 010-49 421 34080). Bremen info from Verkehrsverein, Bahnhofsplatz 29, 2800 Bremen. British Airways fly daily direct to Bremen from £84 Apex return to £240 Club Europe.

OUT AND ABOUT

Enchanted house that time forgot

The ancient Ightham Mote lies in a wooded hollow in Kent. **Nigel Andrew** finds that the seeming unity of its buildings is born of an amazing diversity

Ightham Mote – there's a name that breathes history and romance. Never mind that the "*mote*" part comes from "moot" a meeting place where council is held, rather than the water that still encircles this magical building.

Ightham is the "moated grange" *par excellence*, set in its quiet wooded hollow where time seems to have come to a stop around the end of the Middle Ages. Here it would hardly be a surprise to see Tennyson's Mariana gazing wearily from one of the casements over the silent moat.

The first, unforgettable view of Ightham Mote is from above, as you descend the zig-zag path from the car park – from the 20th century – and see the buildings spread out below you in all their weathered richness. Tall brick chimneys rise over moss-grown roofs, lichened walls of ancient stone and faded half-timbering. The house stands four-square in its complete moat, and there is nothing to be seen that is post-Renaissance, save one Venetian window.

At the entrance front, one of three bridges crosses the moat to an imposing gatehouse, part-Tudor, part medieval. Under the stone entrance arch, house martins have nested. The silvered oak door, with its eroded linenfold panelling, opens on to a paved courtyard, an enchanted space where the whole history of this extraordinary building stands all around you.

Here you soon realize that the apparent unity of Ightham Mote is in fact the product of a rich diversity. The great hall, which faces you across the courtyard, is clearly medieval; but there are half-timbered ranges with oriel windows and stained glass which must be Tudor, and the clock-tower with its one-handed clock is surely later. Then there is a range of elegant late 18th-century Gothic, and signs of Victorian restoration.

The dog kennel, a huge affair fit for the lordliest mastiff, is in fact of 1890s vintage; but its carved bargeboards rhyme perfectly with the Tudor gables of the solar wing.

Inside, Ightham Mote is an exciting blend of the ancient, the less ancient and the sensitively faked. The great hall is the oldest part of the building dating from the 1340s, with an enormously high timber roof – original – and panelling by the Victorian Norman Shaw.

The newer of the two chapels dates from the house's Tudor heyday, when Richard Clement, a courtier of Henry VIII, lived here. The ceiling is made up of curious panels painted with royal emblems, now sadly faded, and the carved wood fittings are exquisite.

In the drawing room a quite magnificent Jacobean chimneypiece is complemented by a good Victorian fake, and 18th-century Chinese wallpaper, sadly worn, lines the walls. This is the room with the Venetian window over the moat.

Frequent views of the moat, of the courtyard and of the gardens, which at the turn of the century were famous as the ultimate in "Olde English" charm, are not the least delight of touring Ightham Mote. The atmosphere is as potent, as authentically time-soaked, inside as out. But it is all too obvious that the centuries have taken their toll on the fabric.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Medieval magic: Administrater Carole Kenwright at Ightham Mote, where the atmosphere is authenticaly time-soaked

Daylight can be seen through joints and panels and around window leads. Stone, external renderings and woodwork are all quite evidently in a sorry state of decay. It is little short of miraculous that the building was undamaged in last October's hurricane, which blew down most of the tallest trees in the garden.

Ightham Mote was extensively restored in the 1890s by the Colyer-Fergussons, who saved it from dilapidation. In 1953 it was bought by a Canadian, Charles Henry Robinson, who had fallen in love with the house as a young man, and after making his fortune in the paper-making industry, returned to England when he heard it was for sale. He made more repairs, refurnished the house and lived in it, in the summer months for the rest of his life.

When he died in 1985, the National Trust took over, and began straight away on the most urgent restoration work. But they faced an uphill task and a hideously expensive one. An appeal has now been launched, with the aim of raising £500,000. I hope that anyone who visits Ightham Mote will be moved to contribute and thus help to ensure the future of this uniquely enchanting house.

Ightham Mote (0723 810378), near Sevenoaks, Kent is open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 12-5.30pm; Sun, Bank Holiday Mon, 11am-5.30pm. Last admission 5pm. Adults, £2.20, child £1. No dogs. Open till end October.

OUTINGS

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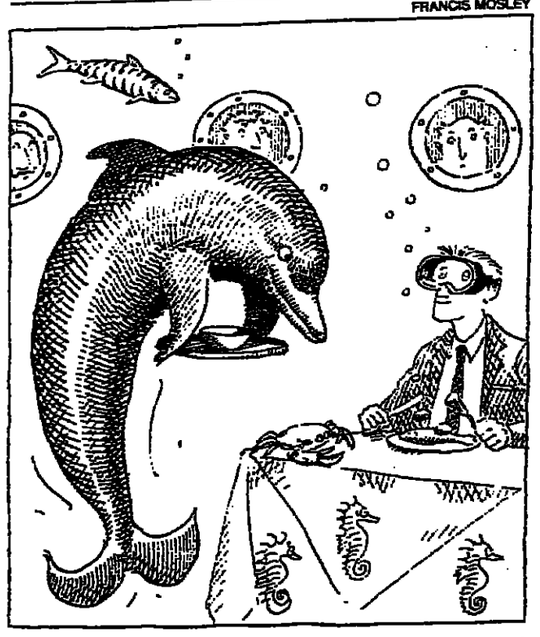
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So far as I know, Glynn "Boy" Harte, whose drawings illumine the book pages of *The Times* and whose wit illumines dinner tables from Fitzrovia all the way to Bloomsbury, was never a merchant seaman. Tattoos has he none — again, so far as I know. He never plied the South China Sea nor, for that matter, the Pompey-Ryde crossing from near the fair at the end of Clarence Esplanade.

We must assume then that his marine decorative scheme at the **Dolphin Brasserie** is not some sort of coded autobiography, is not forged from nostalgia for the foredeck. It is rather, in the tradition of Burra and Noël Coward, a high camp fantasy of liners, engine rooms, ports and tars. Now, there is nothing soft or twee about this place: camp is frivolity executed in absolute earnest, with complete conviction, deadpan. It requires, as well as invention, craft and application, and Mr Harte, for all his flâneur's airs and co-respondent shoes, possesses these talents in abundance: I dare say that Mrs Harte will confirm that he is a closet overalls wearer.

Dolphin Square is a series of blocks of flats — the largest self-contained scheme in Europe when it was built in the late 1930s. The appearance is that of barracks designed in War Office Neo-Georgian. It used to enjoy a rather questionable reputation on account of being inhabited by women of easy virtue and MPs. Nowadays it is rather smarter — which is reflected in the restaurant.

It used to be a Cypriot plate-throwing joint; now it is, as I say, something of a decorative tour de force. There is a frieze of dolphins around the room. The linoleum and the soft fabrics (both designed by Mr Harte) represent shells, starfish, kelp etc. The bar through which one enters is hung with fair lights, and is muralled with land seen from sea. There's a fair few yards of chrome. Two piloti are encased in brass like something in a boiler room. There is a little dance-floor and a painted piano at which Mr Harte, whose earliest ambition was to be Edith Piaf, sometimes performs with his *chanson* combo Les Frerès Perverts.

A window along the south side of the room overlooks the in-house swimming pool. All this promises much and so does the bar which is presided over by a Scottish lady who knows her stuff. But — and it's a big but — the restaurant's cooking is not impressive. The kitchen would do well to look at the dining room it serves and ape its obsessive *concentration* — the gamut of motifs that Mr Harte has allowed himself is narrow, the gaiety is disciplined.

The cooking, in signal contrast, seems to be going in all sorts of mutually uncomplementary directions. Andouillé (sic) turns out to be andouille (no accent), the sausage that is usually made of tripe and served cold. This one, which is grilled, tastes like spam; the French waiter seemed rather bemused by the English chef's way with this charcuterie but loyally stood up for him.

Another starter was a salad of hot chicken that tasted like satay. One main course was a flavourless braise of fatty ox-tail, the other was a tender but flavourless fillet steak with a timid béarnaise sauce — at the very least this place should find a new butcher.

The vegetables included some good leaf spinach and some most odd mashed potato — quite what had happened to the innocent tuber is a puzzle. The sweets, a *torte* of two chocolates and some ice cream, suggested that this department is the kitchen's strength. The cooking is not the only problem: even though the place was perhaps only a quarter full it seemed understaffed, and the prevailing atmosphere was one of gloom.

What service there was tended to be courteous and, in the case of the one waitress, decorative. The wine list is not long but it is eclectic, well chosen and reasonably priced. With a well made bottle of Domaine de Trevallon from Les Baux and two preprandial cocktails, the bill for two was £69.

Burgh Island Hotel is contemporary with Dolphin Square. As flat-roofed, Critall-windowed seaside buildings go it is unremarkable. But its site is marvellous. Burgh Island is a part-time island, at the mouth of the Avon between Salcombe and Plymouth. When the tide is in the place is approachable only by boat, helicopter or — the usual means — a "sea tractor", a delightful one-off vehicle designed by Heath Robinsons.

The island has high cliffs and vicious rocks; it must have been a wrecker's heaven. The hotel is on its landward side and thus commands views of the bungalowscape called Bigbury on Sea. But turn your head east and all you see is sea and cliffs and coves.

Till a few years ago, the place was run-down and divided into holiday flats. The current owners are attempting a wholesale refurbishment to the state it was when Agatha Christie used to come here to write — it is the model for the setting of *And Then There Were None* (né *Ten Little Niggers*).

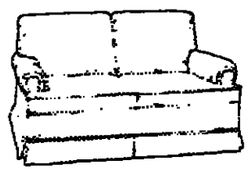
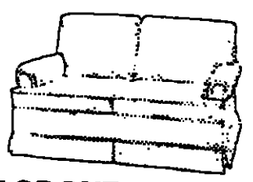
To this end they're filling the place with container-loads of 1930s furniture, lights, posters, etc. The hotel is consequently a bit like an antiques market. Its most striking features are actually ones which were always there: a staircase to the dining room with black, incised vitriolite on the walls and a curious extension of the breakfast room in the shape of a galleon's blunt end.

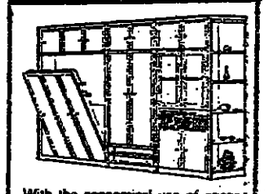
The attractions of Burgh Island Hotel are the site, the ozone, the sheer novelty, the congeniality of the hosts. This is not to say that the restaurant is bad, it isn't — but nor is it a place to do serious knife and fork work in. The cooking suggests that a catering school graduate is at work in the kitchen. There's much pointless over-elaboration e.g. salmon with a well-textured but underpowered tarragon sauce "garnished", as they say, with asparagus tips, segments of mandarin and little pieces of pastry; there are also some quite barmy ideas e.g. strawberries deep fried in batter.

The worthwhile dishes were comparatively simple ones: a mushroom feuilleté and a crab soufflé. There are some acceptable *petits vins* including a white Beaujolais. The service makes up in charm what is lacks in professionalism. If two people stay for the night, room, dinner and breakfast will come to about £160 including service. Dinner for two with a modest wine will come to about £42.

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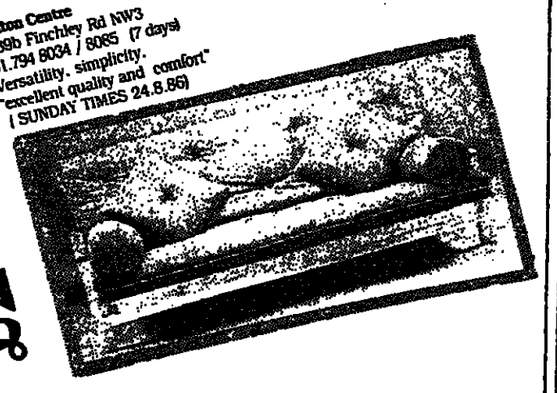

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Maltesers from the Med

DIANA LEADBETTER



At this time of year, we sometimes spend a couple of weeks in Gozo. Not for a gastronomic holiday surely, you might think. But despite the poor reputation of Maltese food, I have to report that we enjoy delicious meals there. Of course, the combination of home cooking, careful shopping and fresh local produce from a benevolent climate is a potent one wherever you experience it.

We would get to the market by 7am to wait for the fishermen to set up their stalls with the night's catch; no lobsters, as these go to the restaurants and hotels but prawns, small striped pilot fish, colourful bream and, if you are lucky, magnificent large, red scorpion fish, the *"chapon"* of expensive restaurants in Nice, which we would take home and bake with bundles of wild fennel, fresh green garlic and the local white wine.

On Monday the *lampuki* season opens in Malta and Gozo, and for the next few days there will be a scramble at the market to get the first of these delicate and beautiful fish whose flesh is not unlike that of a fine herring. We grill *lampuki* for breakfast and eat the rest cold for lunch with sweet freshly-picked tomatoes, still warm from the sun.

A recent letter from my parents who live there described how they had picked well over 150 pounds of tomatoes from their small garden in just a few weeks. "Tomato Bob", as my father is called by the neighbours, is an object of wonder for the local farmers and an amusement for his strange English ways, like watering his tomato plants at dawn and dusk each day.

Despite the lack of rain, vegetables are plentiful if not varied. There are tiny round courgettes, lettuces, cucumbers and beans. Nothing is graded or washed, however, and is brought in from the fields piled into boxes. We get to the market early for the pick of the produce, the soundest figs, the biggest plums, the juiciest lemons.

We stop at the bakehouse for the best bread I have ever tasted, fresh, crusty and hot from the brick oven. Like all good bread, it must be eaten as soon as possible, for it is simply not as good by evening. A local shop yields farm eggs (all are free range) and small fresh sheeps' cheeses. This is the sort of food you will eat if you are cooking for yourselves. The hotels and restaurants might have all the best lobsters, but some of them also retain a strange notion that overboiled cabbage, carrots and potatoes are what visitors want to eat instead of all those vivid Mediterranean flavours.

Sun-dried tomatoes are more Italian than Maltese, but the flat-roofed houses and the hot sun are just what is needed to make this delicacy, for just a few pence and a little effort. It is a pleasant task too, cutting ripe plum tomatoes in half, laying them in a flat wooden tray and sprinkling them with a little sea salt. Each day the tomatoes are lightly pressed with the fingers to bring the moisture to the surface. At the end of five days or so, they are dry and wrinkled, ready to dry pack or to bottle in olive oil. A bag of home dried tomatoes is my favourite holiday souvenir from Gozo. They last the winter and flavour my casseroles and soups.

Bread and fresh tomatoes make one of the most delicious of all Mediterranean dishes. In fact, it is so simple that it hardly needs a recipe. What you need is good, fresh crusty bread, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, and salt and pepper in whatever quantities and proportions you think fitting.

Slice the bread quite thick, and pour on plenty of olive oil. Roughly chop the tomatoes and spread them on top of the bread. Crush the garlic with a little salt and distribute this among the tomato pulp. Grind on some black pepper. If you let this sit for 15 minutes, the bread will be well soaked with fruity, fragrant, oily juices. It is only a little less delicious when eaten immediately. *Pan catalan* and *pan bagnat* are its Spanish and French names. In America, this is known as a kitchen sink sandwich. You eat it standing over the sink as the juices trickle down your elbows.

Whether you use the full misshapen, ripe outdoor tomatoes of Gozo or home-grown English hothouse tomatoes, now is the time to make fresh tomato soup. There is nothing to beat it, and it could not be simpler to make.

My tomato soup is different each time I make it. Large plum tomatoes ripened in the Mediterranean sun have one flavour, and small, sweet, English tomatoes quite another. Sometimes I add a celery stalk or two. Another time I add young carrots, or, even more delicious, baby beetroots which give the soup a wonderfully rich colour. The herb you add to it will also change the taste, whether it be fennel, tarragon, thyme or basil.

If you leave out the stock and cook the soup down to a thicker, more concentrated form, you can use it as a sauce for pasta or fish.

Fresh tomato soup
(serves 4 to 6)

- 1 medium onion
- 1 medium carrot
- 2 celery stalks
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 lbs/0.90 kg ripe tomatoes
- 1 sprig thyme
- sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1½ to 2 pints/850 mls to 1.15 litre of stock

Peel and thinly slice the onion, and peel or trim and dice the carrot and celery. Heat the olive oil in a saucepan and cook the vegetables in it until soft but not browned. Roughly chop the tomatoes and add them, stalks, skin and seeds included, to the pan together with the thyme. Cover and simmer gently until the tomatoes are pulped, about 15 to 20 minutes. Rub the vegetables through a sieve into a clean saucepan, adding a little liquid to make the job easier. Reheat and add more stock to give the soup the required consistency. Season to taste.

Sunday lunch is the high point of the week on Gozo. From early morning, you will see women walking to the bakehouse carrying a large tray covered with a snowy cloth. Not everyone has an oven, so the baker roasts their joint or bakes their *timpana*, a traditional Maltese dish, a baked pasta pie not unlike the *pasticcio* of southern Italy and the *pastitsio* of Greece. It is a massive, solid dish, and a large portion of it will be served before the pork or chicken, or best of all, rabbit, which is another traditional Maltese dish.

Rabbit is a delicate meat, very lean, tasty and versatile, and I cook it often. If you can't find it at the supermarket, the more enterprising butchers will still order rabbit for you. Try this simple rabbit casserole.

Rabbit casserole
(serves 4)

- 4 lbs/1.80 kg rabbit, jointed
- ½ pint/280 mls dry or fruity white wine
- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic
- 1 medium carrot
- 1 medium onion
- 1 celery stalk
- 1 small fennel bulb
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons seasoned flour
- 1 tablespoon chopped, fresh herbs (tarragon, fennel, chervil, parsley as available)

Use the back, legs and saddle. Head, ribs and shoulders will make stock for another dish. Trim any fat and membrane from the rabbit and put in a china dish in a single layer. Put the wine and 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a saucepan. Peel and slice the garlic, carrots and onion; slice the celery and fennel and put all the vegetables in the saucepan with the bay leaf, and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, cool to "touching" temperature, and pour over the rabbit. Cover and marinate overnight.

Next day, drain and dry the rabbit pieces, reserving the marinade. Heat the rest of the olive oil in a casserole. Put the seasoned flour in a paper bag and in it shake the rabbit pieces until lightly coated. Shake off any excess flour. Fry the rabbit until golden brown all over. Pour on half the strained marinade, bring to the boil, cover, lower the heat and simmer gently until tender, about 1 to 1½ hours. Add more marinade from time to time. When ready to serve, check to see if more seasoning is required, then arrange the meat in a serving dish, pour the juices over it, and scatter the chopped herbs on top.

Almond trees grow all over Gozo, but only some of them produce sweet almonds. The rest are inedibly bitter, which is a pity, for almond pastries and cakes feature largely in the local repertoire. I have to make do with bought almonds if I want to make this delicate almond jelly. Although you can, at a pinch, use ground almonds, you will be able to extract most flavour from those you blanch and grind yourself. Serve the jelly with a few sliced strawberries or perhaps a purée of greengages or apricots. You should start preparation the day before required.

Almond jelly
(serves 4 to 6)

- ½ lb/225 g shelled but unblanched almonds
- 1 pint/570 mls water
- 2 to 3 oz/60 to 85 g sugar
- 4 sheets gelatine or 4 teaspoons powdered gelatine

Blanch the almonds in boiling water to remove their skins. Pound them fine by using a pestle and mortar or a food processor. It is *not* a good idea to use the coffee grinder as it gets clogged up. Put the ground almonds in a basin. Pour 3/4 pint/430 mls boiling water over the almonds, and allow to infuse overnight. Melt the sugar in ⅛ pint/70 mls water and put to one side. Soften the gelatine in the rest of the water and then dissolve it over a gentle heat. Strain the almond "milk" into a bowl, pressing as much liquid as possible from them. Stir the gelatine and the syrup into the almond milk and pour into a wetted mould. Refrigerate until set. Turn out and slice to serve with fruit.

The ground almonds can be dried and used in a cake, pastry or crumble topping.

DRINK

Hunt for the best burgundy

Yesterday's Glorious Twelfth, heralding the arrival of a new season of game, provides a good excuse to start buying burgundy. Time was when the world's wine drinkers could be neatly divided into those who bothered with burgundy and those who did not.

Fifty, even 20, years ago, fine claret was, for keen wine drinkers, easy to obtain and easy to understand, burgundy was neither. Tracking down the fine, rare, unadulterated and elusive taste of burgundy became the pricey pursuit of the diligent and knowledgeable.

Even then many must have ended up with one of the widely distributed "over production" burgundy bottles that, as burgundy authority Harry Yoxall wrote 20 years ago, tasted "like a *gros vin* of the Midi or of Algeria — precisely because it was a *gros vin* of the Midi or of Algeria."

Much has improved since. "Over production burgundy", reeking of the sunburnt south rather than the distinctly cooler northern climes of Burgundy itself, is now merely an unpleasant memory of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Competition in the shape of some elegant, plummy Pinot Noir wines from California, and even Australia, has forced the Burgundians to clean up their act. And today's generation of young, conscientious *and* trained Burgundian oenologists are rapidly making up for the mistakes their parents may have made. Faking it is no longer fashionable in Burgundy.

Yet for all that, burgundy still has an image problem and another Yoxall comment, also from *The Wines of Burgundy*, has never seem more apposite: "Burgundy, in my opinion, is very much misunderstood in Anglo-Saxon countries where it is regarded as a heavy wine. It is a full wine, but not heavy."

Escaping entirely from the shackles of yesteryear's soupy, sunburnt, dark red burgundies will take, in my opinion, rather more than one generation of conscientious Burgundians. Certainly British wine buyers, from upper crust wine merchants through to those at the supermarket level, are still happy to stock old-fashioned, beefed up burgundy. Not, as it happens with wines from Algeria, and probably rather less from the Midi than before, but chiefly, I suspect, from the Rhône. Not all those barrels marked Côtes-du-Rhône, found in many a Burgundy cellar, can be for the owner's consumption.

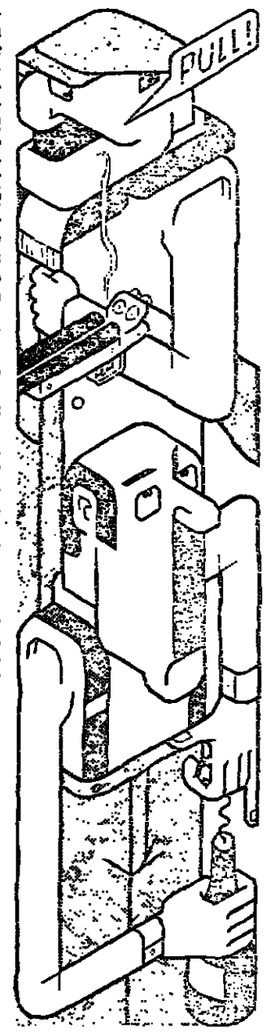
If you are wondering whether you have tasted old-style burgundy, the answer is, provided you live in Britain and buy burgundy, you have. Bottles simply entitled Red Burgundy, on sale at high street outlets and priced under £4 a bottle, are perhaps the most obvious examples of suspect, soupy, old-fashioned stuff but there are plenty of others obtainable at steeper prices with fancier labels. Having said that, provided you know what you are looking for, the pure, pale, delicate plummy charms of Burgundy's Pinot Noir can, somewhat miraculously, also be bought at the very same outlets.

Young, immature grouse, if you are lucky enough to have bagged any already, need light, youthful restrained but ultra-fruity red burgundies to accompany them. In other words, wines that will complement these unhung birds, rather than overpower their youthful flavours.

Avoid inexpensive imitations and whizz straight up to a bottle of the real thing with Sainsbury's fine '85 Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, a Tête de Cuvée or top blend from one of Burgundy's top co-operatives run, surprisingly, by a talented director who comes from the south. I loved this red burgundy's rich, fruity, Victoria plum flavour that has filled out and plumped up considerably since I tasted it last year, when it was already a velvety mouthful. A good value burgundy buy priced at just £5.65, and a good example of the first class 1985 red burgundy vintage.

Even more of a bargain buy, and star value considering that it represents pure unadulterated Pinot Noir in all its lively, vibrant and most youthfully appealing form, is the '85 Bourgogne Pinot Noir from the Groupement de Producteurs at Buxy. This co-operative is one of the most impressive new, inexpensive burgundy sources — to the British market at least — and I loved this wine's vital, plummy, beetroot-like Pinot Noir fruit (Waitrose £3.99, Oddbins £4.19). Anyone who can come up with this flavour for a cheaper price deserves a medal.

ERIC BEAUMONT



Nuits-Saint-Georges was once the most ripped-off wine name in Europe and there are still plenty of unpalatable suspect versions about. So Waitrose deserves to be congratulated for finding the fine '85 Nuits-Saint-Georges, from the same Les Caves des Hautes Côtes co-operative that supplies Sainsbury with its Hautes-Cotes wine.

This magnificent, scented, liquorice and plum-like mouthful would be great with well-hung grouse and, considering the popularity of the commune and this burgundy's splendid taste, its £9.75 price tag is justified. I rather think that even Harry Yoxall would have approved, too.

Jane MacQuitty

GARDENING

Past and present glories

Francesca Greenoak visits two country gardens, one more than 300 years old

CLARE ROBERTS



Gazebo at Westbury with garden border of honeysuckle, lavender, campanula, pyramidalis, iris, lychnis, viscaria and salvia

With the vague purpose of looking out for some interesting plants for this time of year, I visited two late summer gardens very different in character.

They were the restored Anglo-Dutch Westbury Court in Gloucestershire, where none of the plants arrived in England later than 1700, and Waterperry Garden, once the study ground of Waterperry Horticultural School (used now for day-release and amateur gardening courses) which has extensive trial and nursery beds and uses the plants in dramatic borders and fiery island beds.

The last of the midday cloud was disappearing as I drove into Westbury Court and I had a perfect golden afternoon after weeks of wet and rain. The garden unexpectedly appeared hardly affected by the dismal season, presenting a profusion of bloom — even from plants that love the sun, such as rock-roses and the mignonette which scented the whole area of the parterre.

Although Westbury Court is famed as a formal water garden, the horticultural advances of the time were equally reflected in the cultivation of a wide selection of trees, fruit and flowers. At this time of year, the herbs show to good advantage: lavender and marjoram, southernwood and fennel in generous clumps, the varied textures of their foliage creating light and shade against the other flowers. Although the National Trust has limited itself to a precise period of horticulture (except for some roses in the small walled garden) I found no lack of variety.

People living at the end of the 17th century had a very respectable choice of flowers and shrubs. One good late summer plant which could bear a revival is the acanthus, known as "bear's breeches", whose handsome leaves provided the pattern for decorative stonework in churches.

There are several kinds found in gardens (the most common *Acanthus mollis latifolius* and *A. spinocus*). I revised my opinion that they were too bulky for a small garden, on seeing the imposing spikes of purplish flowers on the tall, well-shaped plant in a narrow border against a high wall.

Acanthus is perennial, easily grown in sun or semi-shade, although it may need some protection in its first winter. It is well behaved for me, but I have friends who find it invasive — and care is needed when removing the giant-sized seedlings as many parts of the plants are spiny.

They also had at Westbury pretty humps of pencilled cranesbill (labelled *Geranium striatum*, though better known nowadays as *Geranium versicolor*) which is not part of the modern gardener's canon. The flowers are white with delicate crimson veining. I consider it well worth garden cultivation and it used to be better loved, for it naturalized itself in Britain from the garden populations of the past.

The campanulas stood out among the attractions of the small walled garden, some like Steeple Bells (*Campanula pyramidalis*) now cherished as rarities, and others such as the peach leaved-bellflower (*C. persicifolia*) which remain popular.

When I arrived later in the day at Waterperry, I was struck not so much by the difference between the gardens but the things in common. I have not seen goat's rue in a garden since I grew it in my Primrose Hill border from plants seeding on a nearby derelict patch. At Westbury it made a lovely show, having grown the full height of the six-foot high wall, while at Waterperry it was a handsome constituent of the border, not looking a bit out of place amid its modern neighbours. Similarly catananche, a southern European native with a cornflower-like bloom and fascinating transparent papery bracts, showed up in both gardens.

Waterperry, of course, had nearly three centuries more of horticulture to choose from and their great borders were brighter and several times as wide as the neat, narrow style at Westbury. This is not to say that they eschewed old-fashioned plants. Far from it. There were worthy representatives from every period.

Garden forms of sea holly (*Ernygium* spp) with greyish foliage and blue-green flowers, framed by their prickly collar of bracts, look well, far into late summer. The lacy *E. alpinum* with its large flowers arrived from mainland Europe early enough to be included at Westbury but a garden hybrid which appears to have originated from it, the beautiful *E x oliverianum*, would not qualify.

My favourite from the more modern plants at Waterperry was a compact, hybrid monkshood called Bressingham Spire. It makes dense neat purple-blue spires on small plants to a height of about three feet, and it looked equally handsome in the trial beds and in the borders.

Mallows and sidalceas in various forms add welcome pinks to the late summer garden and among the penstemmons there was a particularly attractive pink variety. Bushy and fairly low-growing (to about 18 inches), it has smallish rose-pink flowers which, to my mind, look nicer than the larger floppy blooms. The variety Garnet, which has a rich colour, true to its name, is closely related and just as attractive.

Named penstemmons do not come true from seed but can be propagated by cuttings taken about September time and rooted in a loam, sand and peat mixture and planted out in the spring. They like a sunny place sheltered from harsh winds and the worst winter cold.

Westbury Court Garden, Westbury on Severn, Gloucestershire, open Apr to Oct, Wed to Sat and Bank Holiday Monday 11am-6pm. Waterperry Garden, near Wheatley, Oxfordshire (tel: 084 47254) open Apr to Sept, 10am-5.30pm; 10am-6pm weekends.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Sow winter lettuce and endive for planting in a frame or cool greenhouse.
- Buy winter aconite tubers. Choose the plumpest and plant immediately about 1in/2½cm deep).
- Clip beech hedges during the next few weeks to get a trim shape which retains its leaves.
- Buy hyacinths for potting up. Stand the pots outside in a cool place (do not let them get waterlogged.)
- Cut out old fruiting lateral branches on fan-trained Morello cherry trees and train new shoots in their place.

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THE ARTS

It was all Right on the night

Friday nights on Channel 4 are not what they were, and will be even less what they were if *What The Papers Say* is really to be axed. A recent new aberration is Diverse Productions's *Right Talk*, a bizarre chat show devoted to denizens of the political Right of centre ruminating whether they agree or not. You can tell these chaps are all on the Right because they use words like "oligopolistic" (I think I caught that), they wear ties, and drink orange juice from beautifully crafted receptacles. The set also includes two crest-shaped sofas on which a large number of participants are crowded, and one crest-shaped sofa on which the chairman sits. He talks rather more than any of the participants and asks questions which end several miles from where they began.

Last night's subject was a unified Europe and where the right stood on the matter. Disraeli and Sir Ian Gilmour were brought

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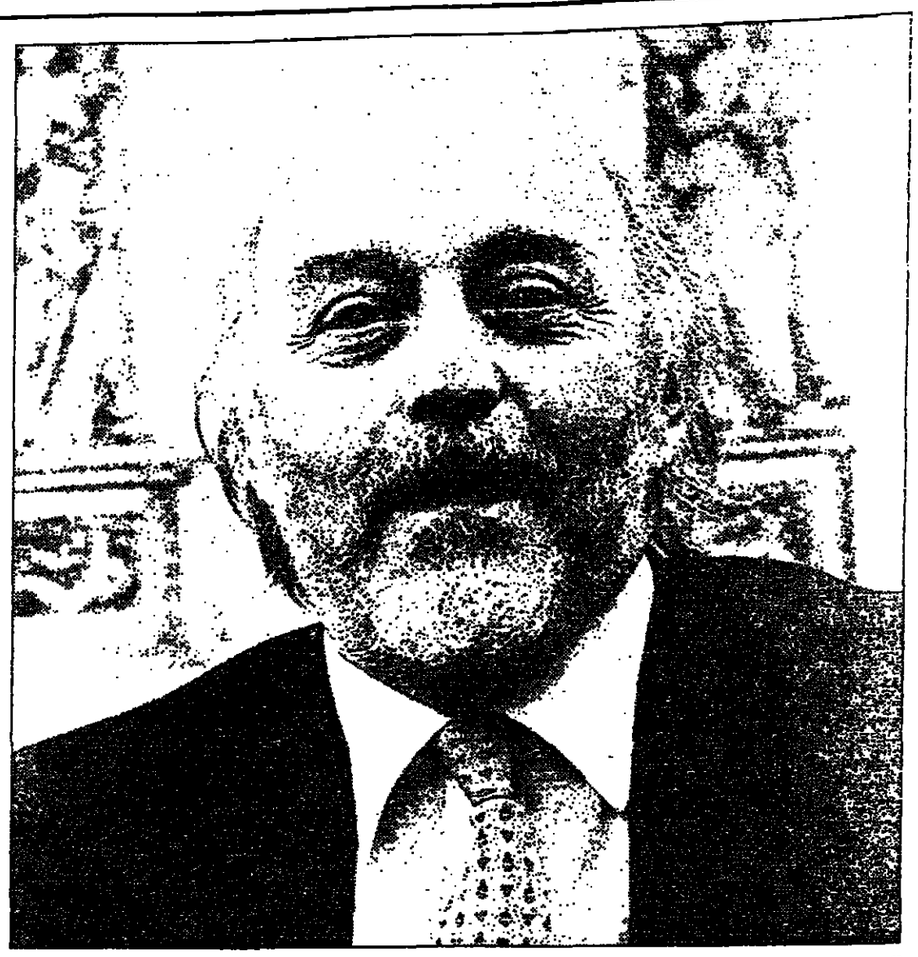
forward in preliminary evidence, but the consensus from the distinguished participants was that we did not need to worry a jot about losing our sovereignty just because most of the decisions affecting our daily lives were going to be made in Europe. At least that was what the members of the European Right present appeared to think: for comic relief we had the very British Roger Scruton, the Right's very own Moaning Minnie, complaining that we would be forced to import pornography because of EEC economic regulations as a result of which civilization would clearly collapse.

Later in the evening, in *The Incredibly Strange Film Show* (also Channel 4), Jonathan Ross continued his odyssey around some of the most awful horror movies of our time, meeting their incredibly nice and normal directors. There was not a red triangle in sight, and the extracts from Ray Dennis Steckler's zombie films had been tastefully edited. The series seems to try to prove that these men are not weirdos: they are just interested in making a fast buck at our expense with minimal artistic effort.

William Holmes

Festivals, and what is wrong with them

On the eve of Edinburgh, director Frank Dunlop tells **Robert Dawson Scott** about the expanding culture circuit and the advantages of his shoestring budget



Frank Dunlop: "All the directors go to each other's festivals, then decide what is the event of the year"

Last year, at the invitation of the Italian government, festival directors from around the world gathered in Rome to share their experiences. Among those to address the conference was Frank Dunlop, of the Edinburgh Festival, who took his colleagues to task for sharing rather too much of each other's programmes.

"All the festival directors go to each other's festivals, decide what is the event of the year, and what you get is a touring festival event. I told them their job was to go out and actually do some work and find things."

By all accounts his remarks were not exactly popular. Festival directors were appalled at the idea that they should give up their most glamorous attention-grabbing events, which they say they need in order to sell the rest of their programmes.

You may disagree with Dunlop's assertion that the real job of a festival is discovering new things. But it goes hand in hand with a real concern that the world-wide proliferation of festivals is unsustainable. "Every big city in the world is fighting over a dozen names. What you get is a commercial version of culture which tours the world: things created to work and be understood all over the world, you know the sort of thing, lots of visuals, minimum of talk."

As the competition gets fiercer, the artists have to spread themselves thinner and they get more expensive. With no new "discoveries" the pool of material gets smaller and the cycle begins again.

Dunlop has undoubtedly made some exciting discoveries in his four years at Edinburgh – the Japanese director Ninagawa (who returns with a production of *The Tempest* this year) is perhaps the best example – though the concerts of 20th-century music by the Finnish conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen last year (he is back for more this year) were widely judged to be a revelation.

Nevertheless, his arguments would undoubtedly carry more weight were he not presiding over probably the least adequately funded of the major festivals world-wide. He and his technical director, Sheila Colvin, are reduced to travelling on cheap excursion fares when they go abroad to view possible events. Increasingly, Edinburgh has been unable to compete in the international artistic caravanserai.

Dunlop maintains that he is not simply making the best of a bad job. He even goes so far as to suggest, rather dangerously, that it would not be good for Edinburgh to be as rich as Salzburg or Bayreuth because it saps the festival's own creativity. Successive Edinburgh Festival directors and their staffs have indeed had to be inventive, especially recently, and have become adept at juggling resources and finding new sources of finance to keep their programmes going.

Not the least of these is the money which is put in by foreign governments. This year's Italian theme, which brings some important collections of art and antiquities from Naples and the Maggio Musicale Orchestra from Florence, as well as Italian theatre and ballet, have been supported by various bits of the Italian administration to the tune of £250,000.

So far there is no suggestion that Edinburgh is being palmed off with products it does not really want simply because someone is prepared to pay for them to come.

But even Dunlop admits that it is a danger for smaller festivals.

He is already negotiating with Spain for 1989. "They have national lines they want to push. About what they first showed us, I had to say: I'm sorry, this isn't right."

Edinburgh's best hope of survival as an important festival probably does lie in being different from the others. In that, it is assisted by the buzz created around it by all the other festivals: Fringe, Film, Jazz, etc, and by the concentrated geography of the city centre.

In the short term, though, it does leave the programme looking, to those who remember the good old days, a bit threadbare.

Dunlop is far from apologetic. "All these old guys, they say 'Where is Karajan, where is Muti, where is Domingo?' I can give you a list of names they think we should have. But they are living in the past when there were so few places that they all went to them. They are never going to see them clustered together again."

According to Dunlop there is no shortage of discoveries to be made in the world and there is definitely a freshness about some of this year's programme that there has not been for years, whether it is the Schiller Theatre doing operetta, the return of Michael Clark, or a rare piece of 12th-century music theatre.

In one sense, the voyage of discovery is already working. The public, upon whom Edinburgh relies more heavily for its contribution to the overall budget than any other comparable festival, is still taking up 70 per cent of the available seats. Perhaps that is the best advertisement for it.

Edinburgh day by day

● Throughout the festival, the Scottish edition of *The Times* will contain a special daily Information Service providing the most complete, up to date and informative guide to events in Edinburgh. The paper's team of critics will be on hand to record the major items of the programme, beginning on Monday with Hilary Finch's view of *Turandot* in Swedish.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A listing of events which begin today. Times in brackets show the predicted end of performance. Prices in brackets indicate concessions. Stars indicate an official festival event. For events in the week ahead, see page 20.

THEATRE

Le Misanthrope: Red Shift Theatre Company, with an inspired adaptation of Molière's black comedy. Directed by Fringe First Winner, Jonathan Holloway. **Venue 3, Assembly Rooms**, 54 George St (031-226 2427/8). Tomorrow until Sept 3, (not 22 and 29) 4pm (5.30pm) £4.50 (£3.75).

Trash: Angry young actors in this passionate political thriller, by Jon Gaunt. From the award-winning Tic Toc Theatre Company. **Venue 7, Heriot Watt Theatre (Tic Toc 1 & 2)**, 30 Grindlay St (031-229 3574). Today until Sept 3 (not 21, 28) 7.30pm (9.30pm) £4.75 (£4.25).

Dead Marilyn: Peter Stack plays Marilyn Monroe, exhumed and wreaking her revenge on society. **Venue 71, Calton Studios (Tic Tox 3 & 4)** Calton Rd (031-556 7066). Today until Aug 20, 11pm (12 midnight) £4 (£3).

OPERA

★**Turandot:** Stockholm's imaginative Folkopera company returns for a third successive year with a new production of Puccini's work. **Leith Theatre**, Ferry Rd (Tickets 031-225 5756) Today and tomorrow, then Aug 15, 17, 18, 19, 7.30pm. Matinees Aug 16 at 4pm and Aug 18 at 2.30pm. £2.50-£8.

CONCERTS

★**Scottish National Orchestra:** Strauss' "Aus Italien" and Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" performed in the Festival's gala opening concert. **Usher Hall**, Lothian Rd. Tomorrow only, 8pm. (Tickets 031-225 5656) £6.50-£16.50.

Regionaal Jeugdorkest of the Netherlands: A guest appearance to open the Festival of British Youth Orchestras, now in its ninth year. Roland Kieft conducts "Time Machine", by Otto Ketting, Violin Concerto No 1, by Britten, and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition". **Venue 100, Central Hall**, West Tollcross. Today only, 7.30pm (9.30pm) £3 £1.50 oap's).

DANCE

Jam with Will: American jazz hoofer and tap dancer Will Gaines, improvising with his usual *joie de vivre*. **Venue 2, Fringe Club**, Teviot Row, Bristol Sq. (Tickets 031-226 5138. Info 031-226 5257/9). Until Aug 17, then Aug 19-24, 9pm (10.30pm). Aug 18 only, 11pm (12.30pm) £4 (£3 concessions and fringe Club members).

Lindy Hopping at the Moulin Rouge: The Jiving Lindy Hoppers recreate the Harlem Jazz Dance scene from Paris in the Thirties. **Venue 38, The Gilded Balloon Theatre & Studio**, 233 Cowgate. (031-226 2151) Until Aug 20, then Aug 28-Sept 3. 5.30pm (7pm) ££3.50 (£3).

GALLERIES

★**In the Shadow of Vesuvius:** Objects from the ruins of Pompeii and Herculanaeum: some seen for the first time outside Naples. **Royal Museum of Scotland**, Chambers St (031-225 7534 ext 221) Mon-Sat 20am-5pm, Sunday 2pm-5pm, free, from tomorrow until Sept 28.

★**Reality and Imagination:** Lively exhibition of paintings from the Naples of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. **City Art Centre**, 2 Market St (031-225 2424) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sunday 2pm-5pm; during the Festival only, £1 (50p) until Sept 24.

Edinburgh International Cartoon Festival 1988. Featuring some of the best of Europe's cartoonists. **Venue 35, Festival Club;**, 9-15 Chambers St (031-220; 2278). Every day 10am-1am for Festival Club members. 10am-12 noon and 3pm-5pm daily at 30p for non-members. From tomorrow until Sept 3.

FILMS

TODAY

The Dressmaker: A sensitive study of three generations of women thrown into turmoil by the arrival of American Gis during World War Two. **Cameo Cinema**, 38 Home Street, 8.30pm. £4.

Beetlejuice: early viewing in Scotland for unexpected American box office success about a ghost-family trying to get rid of unwanted human visitors. **Cannon Cinema**, 120 Lothian Road, 11.00 (Tickets only available from Filmhouse. £4 or £5.50.)

TOMORROW

In Georgia: first in series of documentaries by noted East German Jurgen Bottcher. Filmhouse, 4.30pm, £3.

Rokkasho People: a Japanese farming community struggles with technology. Filmhouse, 5.30pm, £3.

High Hopes: Latest improvisation from the remarkable Mike Leigh. Filmhouse, 7pm, £4.

Midnight Run: from the maker of Beverly Hills Cop. Filmhouse, 9pm, £4.

OTHER EVENTS

Festival Cavalcade: How to see the festival without even trying. Official Festival, Fringe, Military Tattoo and the City join forces for Sunday afternoon's parade, sponsored by the *Evening News*. Princes Street, leaving Regent Rd, East End at 2.30pm. Tomorrow only.

Don Quixote gets the toes tapping

PROMENADE CONCERT

BBC SSO Maksymiuk
Albert Hall

Thematically, if not musically, there was something of a sense of *déja vu* at Thursday's Prom. Last year had celebrated the Lord of the Dance, and toes were tapping again before very long last night.

This time the focus was specifically literary: the inspiration of the word, in this case those of the Spanish playwright Pedro de Alarcón, provided the excuse for a performance of the complete ballet music of de Falla's *The Three-Cornered Hat*.

The story of the miller and the pompous magistrate who is seduced by his wife was just the thing to provide a crescendo of virtuosity for the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in the second of their two Proms. Jerzy Maksymiuk stage-managed with obvious delight, cueing in the strutting bassoon (the indefatigable Julie Price, cunningly balancing horn and strings to maximise the drama of their interruptions and sudden changes of direction).

Christine Cairns framed the central dances with a poignant, unaccompanied warning against cuckoldry as from the voice of the cuckoo. She was joined earlier in the evening by Margaret Marshall and the Holst Singers in a lively, if less than magical, performance of excerpts from Mendelssohn's incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

At the evening's centre stood Roberto Gerhard's *Dances from Don Quixote*. First performed at the Proms 30 years ago, their subtle and piquant episodes, disconcertingly tuning the ear to the Don's own complex delusions, were recreated with an imaginative finesse equal to their invention.

Hilary Finch

The fiend within poor Tom

THEATRE

Keeping Tom Nice
Almeida

With the second play in the RSC's Almeida season, a common theme has emerged. One play is yet to come, but this will be Seneca's *Oedipus*, where the emphasis is bloodier than in Sophocles, although the tale is the familiar one of father yoked to son.

In Fugard's *Hello and Goodbye* the demands of a crippled father undo his son's life; in *Keeping Tom Nice* it is the helpless Tom who destroys, unwittingly, his father. The theme only gradually takes the forefront of the play, pushing aside the differing responses of mother, angry sister and cautious social worker to the retarded 24-year-old juddering on his airbed.

Perhaps the possibilities only gradually presented themselves to the author, Lucy Gannon, though this suggests initial uncertainty of purpose, a difficult line to justify except by saying there is a feeling that in the early scenes she is edging her way forward, not quite sure what lies ahead.

Perhaps this slow uncovering of the father's frightening mix of feelings may have been carefully paced to take us off our guard. The father's first raging attack on his son undeniably does that.

Either way, the play gives off a vital sense of life, of a shaping spirit working from within to find the play's true balance. It won for its author the Richard Burton Award and led to an outpouring of more plays, including the excellent *Raping the Gold*, seen at the Bush last spring.

For 24 years Doug and Winnie have devoted themselves to caring for their damaged son – "keeping him nice" is Winnie's bright little, tight little phrase for it. She has scores of empty, awful sayings that help her battle through the day.

Bill Buffery's production places the four mobile characters in a half-circle at the back of Louise Belson's neatly furnished set, where the green carpet makes its ironic comment on Tom's undeveloping life.

The play starts with fragments of thoughts from Tom (Linus Roache, most impressive), locked behind his prison wall of damaged brain cells. This could open up the way to mawkishness but the writing's rigour prevents it.

Less successful are the poetic thoughts of Winnie (Shirley King). They explore the edges of Milk Wood, seldom a wise place to venture, even with a rosary in hand and an eye on the Virgin Mary. Tom's sister Charlie (Henrietta Bess) regards him with tender incestuous love; Mike Dowling's social worker worries about bruises on Tom's wrists. And this takes us to the raging, loving, hating behaviour of Doug, who cannot keep himself from hurting what he wanted to love: a complex of emotions we see jostling behind Richard Conway's wary eyes.

It is infinitely touching that the communication Tom finally manages, along with the weeping that was thought behind his range, comes when his father is no longer able to rejoice in it.

Jeremy Kingston

DONALD COOPER



Family at war: Richard Conway and Linus Roache as father and son

In the steps of the Kirov

DANCE

Moscow Classical Ballet
Islington

It is brave of the Moscow Classical Ballet to put on an evening of divertissements in the big temporary theatre at Islington while the memory of the Kirov on that stage is still fresh. So let us avoid odious comparisons and concentrate on their own performance.

The company has some good dancers although it seems not always to make the most of them. Was it wise, for instance, to put Tatyana Palii in three separate numbers all with 32 fouettés as their climax? Even her crisp display can outstay its welcome.

Much the most vivid dancing of the show on Thursday was provided by Ilgiz Galimullin, abandoning his *Swan Lake* jester's motley for Basilio's wedding gear from *Don Quixote* and living up to this finery with dancing of an impetuous dash.

He was so good in that, and in the great high-flying leaps of Actaeon's coda from *Esmeralda* that it would have made sense to include the whole of the "Diana and Actaeon" sequence to show him off at greater length.

In a less flamboyant style there was some very neat, trim footwork from Vladimir Malakhov in Gzovsky's *Grand Pas Classique*, skimming swiftly across the stage. A pity that nobody nowadays seems to attempt the original choreography for the coda: this lad might be able to bring off that unique combination of entrechats and *tours en l'air* performed simultaneously.

Some of the other offerings were intrinsically unmemorable (a Bach prelude, for instance, performed in white wigs, black clothes and solemn mood). Others, such as the opening extracts from *Raymonda*, were made dull by sub-standard performance.

A couple of guest artists from the Bolshoi were no great asset to the evening: over-emphatic and inexpressive.

And not all Viktor Kasatsky's impassioned eloquence of movement can make the little number to part of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony look other than sheer old-fashioned ham.

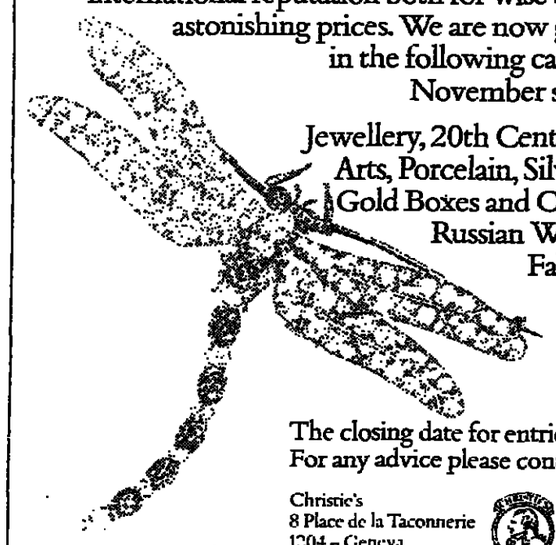
Valeria Tsoi's beautiful plasticity in that piece showed how much we were missing in not seeing her as Eve in the somewhat over-long extracts from *The Creation of the World* which made up the programme's centrepiece.

John Percival

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CHESS

Why it is time for a change

The 1988 British Chess Championship finished last night and the full results can be found on page 2. It is unusual that this year, the British and Soviet championships virtually coincided. Although these events are the premier national competitions of the two foremost chess nations of the world, the respective nature of the tournaments is very different.

The Soviet Championship is an all-play-all tournament, funded by the state sports committee. The British Championship is sponsored by the City company Kleinwort Benson, and is run on the "Swiss system", where upwards of 60 players vie for *leadership over an 11 round* stretch. The time has now come for the British Chess Federation to consider transforming the championship into an all-play-all, the norm for most other leading chess nations.

There is a danger that the mixed nature of the field, as currently constituted, may discourage our top Grandmasters from entering in future years. Further, our status in global chess terms demands that our top players deserve a championship where every competitor plays against every one of his, or her, opponents. We have progressed too far as a chess nation for the somewhat hit-and-miss nature of the Swiss system to continue dictating the top places in the British championship.

The BCF official responsible for the championship is Stewart Reuben, one of their most imaginative and experienced officers. I believe that it is well within his powers, co-operating with sponsors who have proved very faithful over many years, to elaborate a method which would satisfy requirements of tournament prestige as well as broad representation. I suggest now that for future championships the BCF consider a 12 player all-play-all, for which eight players would qualify by virtue of ratings or selection or a combination of both. Further, there could be an open subsidiary tournament each year, from which the top four would go into the following year's championship section.

This week's game is one of the most exciting from the championship at Blackpool.

White: J. Mestel; Black: K. Arkell, Caro-Kann Defence, Kleinwort Benson, British Championship, Blackpool, August 1988

1 e4	c6	2 Nc3	d5
3 d4	dxe4	4 Nxe4	Nd7

Karpov's favourite variation. It used to be considered a quiet attempt to equalize, but now Black practitioners are obliged to know reams of opening theory if they wish to employ it in safety.

5 Bc4	Ngf6	6 Ng5	e6
7 Qe2	Nb6	8 Bd3	Nc

Black cannot afford to play 8 . . . Qxd4 when 9 N1f3 grants White an overpowering lead in development.

9 N5f3	c5	10 dxc5	Nbd7

This looks somewhat artificial, but the natural way to regain the pawn 10 . . . Bxc5, also has its disadvantages e.g. 11 Ne5 Nbd7 12 Ngf3 Qc7 13 0-0 0-0 14 Bf4 with a slight edge to White, or, more excitingly, 12 . . . Nxe5 13 Nxe5 0-0 14 Bd2 Qd5 15 0-0-0 Qxa2 16 c3 b5 17 Bb1 Qa4 18 Qf3 implementing a dangerous attack for the sacrificed pawn.

11 b4	Nd5

Here Black must avoid a devilish trap. 11 . . . b6 12 Nd4 bxc5 13 Nc6 Qc7 14 Qxe6+ fxe6 15 Bg6 checkmate. However, Black may have a stronger possibility on move 11, namely 11 . . . a5 12 c3 Be7 13 Bc4 0-0 14 Nh3 axb4 15 cxb4 and *only now* 15 . . . b6, seeking to undermine White's Queen's side pawns.

12 Bd2	Qf6	13 Rb1	a5
14 a3	g5	15 Be4	Nc3
16 Bxc3	Qxc3+	17 Qd2	Qxa3
18 Qd4	e5		

Surprisingly, up to this point, all is opening theory. The text is an attempt to improve on the game A. Rodriguez-Tal, Subotica, 1987 where 18 . . . Rg8 led to a lost position for Black, though the ingenious Tal later escaped with a draw. The move chosen here offers a Queen sacrifice in order to create a menacing passed "a" pawn.

19 Nxe5	Rg7	20 Ra1	axb4	
21 Rxa3	bxa3	22 Ng3	0-0	



In check: chess master Mestel, dressed to kill

This is an inaccuracy which permits White to consolidate his position. Black must fight to maintain the initiative at all costs by means of 22 . . . a2 23 Kd2 0-0 threatening to intensify the pressure against White's pinned Knight with . . . Re8.

23 Bd5	g4	24 Bxf7+	Rxf7	
25 Qd5	Nxe5	26 Nxe5	Bxe5	
27 Qxe5	Ra8	28 0-0	a2	

This advance comes too late. Although in the further course of the game Black generates some tactical threats, White can now blockade the passed pawn and prepare to infiltrate the scattered Black position with the White Queen.

29 Ra1	Be6	30 Qe2	Rf4
31 Qd2	Rae4	32 c3	Kf7
33 Qc2	Rfe4	34 f3	gxf3
35 gxf3	Rh4	36 Kg2	Ra8
37 Qh7+	Kf6	38 Qxb7	Rg8+
39 Kh1	Rh5	40 Qe4	Rhg5

Black's final trick. He threatens to sacrifice his Rook on g1 in order to promote the "a" pawn. White's next move frustrates this scheme and leads to a speedy victory.

41 Qd4+	Kf7	42 c4	Rg2	
43 Re1	R8g6	44 c5	Rc2	
45 c7	Bh3	46 Qd5+	Kf6	
47 Qd6+				

Black resigns.

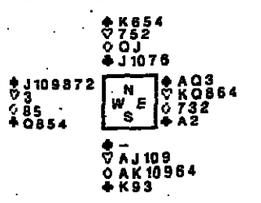
Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Keep your cool

If you want to win at rubber bridge, you will often need the patience of Job. The hand below shows the danger of allowing annoyance to disturb your concentration.

Rubber Bridge
Love All
Dealer South



W	N	E	S
–	–	–	1♡
No	1♠	2♡	3♡ (1)
No	3♠ (2)	No	3NT
No	No	No (3)	–

Opening lead ♠J

(1) South's rebid presents a problem. Double is probably best. The objection to bidding some number of no trumps is that North, in the belief that South has a balanced hand, may remove to spades. Three hearts, of course, is horrible.
(2) North obviously did not know what to bid. His strangled-three spades certainly worked very well for South.
(3) Would a Double ask for a spade lead, or insist on a heart? The moderns believe the former.

As you can judge from the bidding, South was no world beater. But it is from East's point of view that I describe the play. Having flirted with the idea of doubling to attract a spade lead, imagine his delight when he sees West's ♠J. Provided West plays another spade, the game will be swiftly defeated by the obvious heart switch. To East's consternation, West carefully examines the first trick, noting declarer's discard of a club and East's ♠3. After an agonized pause, West, who apparently can't count up to 13, switches to the ◇8. East's lush oasis has turned into a mirage.

Declarer wins the diamond in dummy and plays a heart. East crustily follows with the ♡K. He ducks the continuation of the ♡J, on which West discards the ◇5, but wins the ♡10 with the ♡Q, while West discards a spade. On the unrealistic basis that declarer might hold only five diamonds, East continues with a heart in order to clear the suit. Curtains. declarer's six diamonds and three hearts are enough.

Do you see what East overlooked? Consider the effect of the *Ace of Spades*, instead of that feeble fourth heart. What does declarer discard? He cannot let a club go, so he must part with one of his precious diamonds. Now the heart continuation is a killer, because although declarer can cross to dummy with a diamond and obtain a discard on the ♠K, he can't get back to his hand.

It is true that as the play went, South could have made his contract. After making two hearts, he should cross to dummy with the ♠Q to play a club. But if East had kept his irritation in check, he could have punished declarer's inaccuracy, which would have been more profitable than shouting at West post mortem.

Jeremy Flint

REVIEW

The godly gargoyle

Robert Lowell: A Biography, by Ian Hamilton (Faber £7.95)



Rotten architecture, wonderful gargoyles: Robert Lowell's life and work bring to mind Orwell's great phrases about Dickens's novels. Lowell's life — punctured by terrible madness and wounding cruelties — was a crazy-house, built on sand and barricaded with poetry.

"We didn't hesitate to say what we wanted to be and what we felt we must have in order to become that. We wanted to be writers . . ." But the work — each poem as baroquely crafted and jokily aloof as any gargoyle — surely redeems the chaos of the life.

Robert Lowell was born in 1917, into a great and aristocratic family. But he was born backstage, as it were: his father was from the poor branch of the Lowell tribe, a weak and mediocre man, fiercely mocked and missed in his son's most famous collection of poems, *Life Studies*: "whenever he left a job/he bought a smarter car."

Harvard was inevitable for a Boston Lowell; and his rebellion was just as inevitable. After a year there *spent deep in Eliot and Pound*, he left, following the scent of poetry to Kenyon College, Ohio, where Allen Tate and John Crowe Ransom were writing and teaching. It was during this time that Lowell first met the writer Jean Stafford, whom he later married in 1940. There were to be two more marriages, one to Elizabeth Hardwick (saintly in her devotions) and another to Caroline Blackwood.

Ian Hamilton's lean narrative skips deftly over Lowell's juvenile wreckage — the inflexible conversion to Catholicism, the early attacks of manic-depression — and reserves most of its elegant mileage for the hard march of Lowell's life after the publication of his first major collection, *Lord Weary's Castle* in 1946. These poems drew anthems of approval from critics: "Lowell never sounds like anyone else," wrote one hawk-eyed reviewer. This originality still gleams bright in his last, most chaotic poems.

He won the Pulitzer prize in 1947, but only a couple of years later he had begun the awful treadmill of cyclical manic-depression. Despite the use of lithium from 1967, Lowell's attacks continued until his premature death in 1977 in the back of a New York taxi.

It is difficult to imagine the garish tragedy of these bouts: Lowell picking fights in restaurants, Lowell enlisting the help of strangers in compiling "an anthology of world poetry". Lowell spread-eagling himself on highways ("I believed I could stop cars and paralyse their forces"). Lowell wrested into straitjackets, bounced into padded cells. His friends could see the well poet trapped inside the ill wreck — "usually it was the way he looked at you". Not everyone saw the pathos in the pathology, for Lowell was inclined to utter violent truths during these bouts: "You're so stupid you never should have taken up writing."

Sadly, certain critics whose idea of emotional turmoil is a lost hour of sleep, do not forgive Lowell for his illness. Making smug homilies between the mess of the life and the "irresponsible obscurity" of his poetry, they use the rottenness of the architecture to rubbish the gargoyles. But Lowell is a great poet, and the gargoyles make rude, triumphant faces at all of us.

Life Studies (1958) is his best collection, and one of the greatest in all American poetry. In these poems, with their muscle-bound syntax and fluid forms, Lowell unpacked the frozen horrors of his experience so that they might flow into a larger, more universal drift: "We are all old-timers,/each of us holds a locked razor."

Hamilton's biography is as good as can be imagined. But too much time is spent on the life, and too little on the work. Only grudgingly, one feels, does he accept that rich art redeems the poor life that produced it. Eileen Simpson's moving memoir of Berryman, Lowell and others, *Poets in Their Youth* (Picador) is suffused with this redemptive glow. But one has no sense at the end of this biography that a great *poet*, rather than just a great phenomenon, has died.

James Wood

Moving material

ROCK RECORDS

Five Star: Rock the World (Tent/RCA 71747)
Various Artists: 'Til Things are Brighter . . . A Tribute to Johnny Cash (Red Rhino *REDLP 88*)
Hunters & Collectors: Human Frailty (Illegal ILP 025)

With Michael Jackson still so much in evidence, it may not be the best moment for England's own little troupe of Jackson Five *manqués* to release its fourth album. Still, **Rock the World** finds Five Star continuing to deal out its peculiarly soulless brand of razor-edged, prefab pop-funk with no lack of determination and with ever more impressive formal skill.

Some of the material, notably "Another Weekend" and "Free Time", sounds perfect for use in aerobics classes. One certainly wouldn't wish to sit about listening to it.

'Til Things are Brighter . . . **A Tribute to Johnny Cash** is a collection of Johnny Cash songs performed by such "well dressed and ideologically sound young pop people" as *Michelle Shocked* ("One Piece at a Time"), Brendan Croker ("Home of the Blues"), David McComb of the Triffids ("Country Boy") and Marc Almond (a surprisingly impressive "Man in Black"). *The brisk, energetic approach* of the shared backing band — particularly Little Willy Goulding's rapid fire shuffling snare rhythms — turns much of Cash's laconic country material into fizzing rockabilly anthems.

But no one comes within a mile of the deadpan acuity of the man himself and the many laughable contributions by anti-musician types like Marc Riley of the Fall, Peter Shelley of the Buzzcocks and Mary of Gaye Bykers On Acid ensure that the project does not rise much above novelty record status.

Hunters & Collectors, the seven-piece Australian group, has belatedly secured a British release for its 1986 album **Human Frailty**. The great thing about Australian musicians is that the notion of playing "rock 'n' roll" does not automatically repel those of them with an enquiring spirit. Indeed the reverse may even be true, as the smart lyrics, pokey bass playing, integrated brass section and all-round freshness of this record suggests. Hunters & *Collectors open a two-week* festival of music at London's Riverside Studios on Tuesday.

David Sinclair



Bernstein: self-dramatization

Bernstein's birthday reissue

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Adams: Nixon in China. Brooklyn Academy of Music production/de Waart. Nonesuch 9 79177-4 (two cassettes)
Bernstein: Symphony No 3, Dybbuk suite No 2. Various musicians/Bernstein. DG 483 582-2

Hearing it again, and again and again, I am enjoying John Adams's opera even more than *I did at Houston last October*. Alice Goodman's libretto is a miracle of fastidious quirky wit, a tight mosaic of Chinese apophthegms, American verbal idlings and delicate structures of philosophizing.

Sanford Sylvan uses his lyric baritone beautifully in the most sympathetic role, that of Chou En-Lai, and Trudy Ellen Craney's performance of *Madame Mao's* coloratura aria is properly alarming in its determined brilliance. Edo de Waart and the Orchestra of St Luke's deliver the score with extravagant panache.

For Bernstein's 70th birthday, DG have reissued one of his most personal, and therefore most perplexing, works: the "Kaddish" Symphony of 1963. This is Lenny's dialogue with God, who for him is the distant inscrutable father, so that the work has a Schoenbergian spiritual anguish *mixed with the yowling of a* misunderstood adolescent.

It is a difficult mixture to take, especially when the almost continuous narration makes it inescapable, and leaves the choral and orchestral music as a sequence of illustrative episodes. The score, of course, is delivered with fierce commitment, as is that of the similarly Jewish-American but more outward Dybbuk suite.

And yet one remembers that exactly the same thing was being said of Mahler 30 years ago: could it be that Bernstein's self-dramatization will be reassessed in the same way? Possibly.

Paul Griffiths

Three of a kind

JAZZ RECORDS

Dave Sanborn Close Up (Reprise 925 715)
Masqualero Aero (ECM 1367)
Billy Jenkins Motorway at Night (DCM 108-1)

Three faces of fusion jazz, 1988-style: American funky, European smooth, British eccentric.

Assisted by the brilliant and ubiquitous producer Marcus Miller, the American alto saxophonist Dave Sanborn applies himself to a mixture of sharp-cut dance tunes and romantic ballads. Sanborn's bluesy alto tone is what a marketing man would call his unique selling point, but I have always found his playing to be a bit of a caricature.

Just the man to provide a pithy eight-bar solo in the middle of a pop hit by someone like Paul Simon, he lacks the flexibility to stand exposure as the lead voice over the distance of an entire album. For all the superficial appeal of Miller's state-of-the-art dance grooves, and despite elegant covers of Randy Newman's poignant "Same Girl" and Thom Bell's "You Are Everything", Close Up suffers from the sense that Sanborn's blues are machine-lathed rather than hand-crafted.

Masqualero is the name of the Scandinavian quintet whose rhythm team, the drummer Jon Christensen and the bassist Arild Andersen, will be well known to fans of ECM's European chamber jazz. **Aero**, their second album, concentrates on tone-poems that bring the early work of Weather Report irresistibly to mind. Composed with scholarly ingenuity and skilfully performed, the music *seems fatally compromised by* a sort of spiritual anaemia.

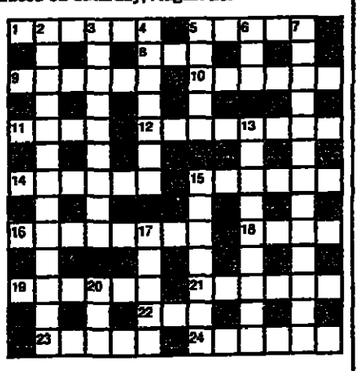
Billy Jenkins, the young London-based guitarist and composer, describes **Motorway at Night** as "real New Age music", meaning that it is about as far away from funky slickness or chamber-jazz bloodlessness as you could get.

I detested most of his last album, the terminally ironic *Scratches of Spain*, but the single 42-minute performance which makes up this new release contains fine blowing by such as the saxophonists *Iain Ballamy*, Mark Lockheart and Andy Sheppard, the keyboardist Djanjo Bates and the trombonist Dave Jago. Its slightly ragged zest. reminiscent of Mike Westbrook's early bands, is far more satisfying than the tame certainties of David Sanborn and Masqualero.

Richard Williams

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1641

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, August 18. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, August 20.



ACROSS
1 Sharp turn (6)
5 Non-whey mixture (5)
8 Nothing (3)
9 Dumped (6)
10 Weaken in strength (6)
11 Sports kit (4)
12 Rabble (8)
14 Split (6)
15 Savoury toast (6)
16 Farm muck applier (8)
18 Swing around (4)
19 Avant-garde (3-3)
21 Nerve (6)
22 Pigeon call (3)
23 Flashlight (5)
24 Not fully matured (6)

DOWN
2 Useless extravagance (5,8)
3 News account (9)
4 Give approval (7)
5 Shore rock face (5)
6 Blame (3)
7 Steady composure (5,5,3)
13 Restorer (9)
15 Reindeer (7)
17 Abandon (5)
20 Belonging to us (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1640

ACROSS: 1 Verity 4 Bandit 9 *Autocue* 10 Virgo 11 Alar 12 Crackers 14 Detach 15 Baltic 18 Orthodox 20 Zeus 22 Elude 23 Flatlet 25 Autumn 26 Nelson

DOWN: 1 Via 2 Retract 3 Tuck 5 Advocaat 6 Dirge 7 Trossachs 8 Decry 11 Andromeda 13 Ectoderm 16 Trellis 17 Toffs 19 Taunt 21 Fare 24 Tin

The winners of prize concise No 1635 are: Tony Dunn, Maesgwynne, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales; and Mrs Barbara D. Atkinson, Broadmere, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

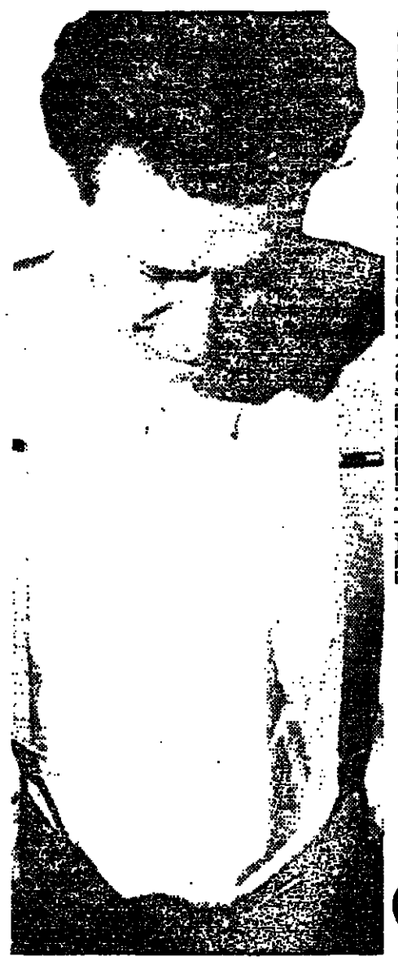
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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Way beyond the fringe

As the 42nd Edinburgh Festival opens, it is time once again to ask if the local pollucans really deserve the prestige and glory it attracts to the city.

Labour-run Lothian Regional Council has given over one of the fringe's prime sites to "community arts".

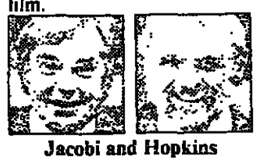
Far from charging rent, the council has ploughed more than £4,000 into the project. The centre promises "ongoing cafe facilities", seminars and workshops. Among the treats expected to pull in the crowds are Ms Fits, decribed as "comedy, poetry and song about being female", and Condom Corner: "a light-hearted look at AIDS and young people, followed by group discussion".

Spellbinding stuff

In fairness to its patrons, the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne next week should be posting notices warning: "Caution — Artists at Work". Marty St James and Anne Wilson, two experienced performance artists, are being sponsored by the owners, the De Vere Group, to go there to sit and stare. The couple have already visited hotels in Dover Venice and New York, and will mount a video show at the Air Gallery in north London early next year to be followed by a television version on Channel 4's *Eleventh Hour*.

Greene for go

Graham Greene's *The Tenth Man*, the short novel found buried in an MGM vault in Hollywood five years ago, long after the author himself had forgotten he had written it, is at last being made into a film.



Jacobi and Hopkins

It is being produced by Norman Rosemont, who made the TV version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, directed by Jack Gold of *Naked Civil Servant* fame and stars Derek Jacobi, Anthony Hopkins and Kristin Scott Thomas. Filming has already begun near Versailles.

Desert songs

Be Bop A Lula, a hit musical at the Liverpool Playhouse based on the last tour of Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran, could soon become Be Bop *Abu Dhabi. Already looking* for a West End transfer, the Playhouse has just been approached about touring the Gulf.

Floor show

After the South Bank's EndGames festival earlier this year, made up of the last works of writers and composers, *stand by for the Unfinished* Festival in November, featuring unfinished masterpieces. It is to mark the opening, while still unfinished, of a new theatre at *Jacksons Lane Community* Centre in Highgate, north London. The 200-seat theatre, housed in the hall of an Edwardian church, has been hit by rising building costs and with £300,000 needed to finish and equip it, it may open without simple things like curtains, chairs and lights.

Andrew Billen

THE WEEK AHEAD



FILM

GRAVE MATTERS: Michael Keaton steals all the scenes in *Beetlejuice* (PG) – a supernatural comedy that took the American box-office by storm. He plays a raucous, rascally, repulsive ghost who leaps from the grave to help a recently deceased couple oust the new residents of their old New England home. Tim Burton directs: Alec Baldwin and Geena Davis are fellow ghosts, and Catherine O'Hara is the lady who turns their gingham paradise into a New Wave hell. Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Friday.



ROCK

SUFFOLK PUNCH: Tom Robinson will be among the many acts appearing at the first Henham International Music and Arts Festival. Others include Incantation, Misty In Roots, Furniture, Desmond Dekker and the Soup Dragons. The festival takes place on six stages and boasts an art and craft exhibition area, a laser light show, a firework display, a full Viking battle and a children's entertainment area. Today and tomorrow at Lord Stradbroke's estate, Henham Hall, Wangford, near Southwold, Suffolk (0603 615200).



DANCE

ORANGE AID: Michael Clark, the perpetual naughty boy of British dance who always gets forgiven for his talent, has reassembled many of his best former dancers for a new show, a co-production of the Holland and Edinburgh festivals and Sadler's Wells. The title *I Am Curious, Orange* is a reference to the tercentenary of William and Mary, among other things. Music is again by Clark's favourite group, The Fall, but this time they play it live.
King's Theatre, Edinburgh (031-225 5756). Monday to August 20.



BOOKS

WIDER VIEW: Anita Brookner, like Jane Austen, has contented herself with a small patch of human experience, and probed the hearts of her heroines with much the same precision. The plot of her latest, *Latecomers* (Cape, £10.95), published next Thursday, suggests the discovery of more distant horizons. Two men, one German, one English, both orphaned from the war, share everything in their lives, only to have this closeness undermined when the daughter of one of them has a miscarriage.



OPERA

CHANGE OF STYLE: Franz Schubert is seldom thought of as an opera composer. But earlier this year in Vienna, and now at the South Bank, his *Fierrabras* has come into its own. Written shortly before his song-cycle, *Die Schöne Müllerin*, the accompanied recitative is emotionally vibrant, the Spanish garden scene a masterpiece of night-music. Jeffrey Tate conducts a semi-staged concert performance with Thomas Moser in the title role.
Queen Elizabeth Hall (01-928 3191), Thurs and Sat Aug 20, 7.15pm.



THEATRE

NOT ALONE: Marcel Marceau, acknowledged as the greatest living master of the art of mime, returns to the London stage for the first time since 1984 with a three-week season "assisted by members of his company". Of almost a score of pieces included, four are new to London. *La Tempête* (The Tempest), in which three of his assistants are tossed about in an invisible boat during an invisible storm at sea, caused a sensation at its Paris premiere earlier this year. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). Opens Tuesday.

THEATRE

LONDON

BUSSY D'AMBOIS: David Threlfall is the eponymous hero of George Chapman's 1604 melodrama, directed by Jonathan Miller. With Lorcan Cranitch, Sara Kestelman. Old Vic (01-928 7616). Previews from Thurs. Opens Aug 23.

CAPTAIN CARVALLO: 1950 comedy by Dennis Cannan, directed by Toby Robertson, with Angela Thorne, Terence Longdon, Neil Stacey, Oliver Parker. Theatr Clwyd Company production. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Previews from Fri. Opens Aug 24.

OEDIPUS: Ted Hughes's adaptation of the Seneca play, directed by Donald Sumpter. Phil Daniels, Sally George, Julie Legrand, Trevor Martin, with John Shrapnel as Oedipus.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Previews tonight, Mon, Tues, Wed. Opens Thurs.

OUT OF TOWN

CARDIFF: Merlin the Magician: Moving Being present a Welsh-English multi-media show for the family; part of their Mabinogion cycle, but based on the writings of Geoffrey of Monmouth.
St David's Hall (0222 371236). Opens Fri.

CHELTENHAM: Harvey: Terry Wale directs the classic comedy. Everyman (0242 572573). Opens Thurs.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: See below.

EDINBURGH FRINGE: Bookings: 031 226 5138.
Salt of the Earth: Latest John Godber play; Hull Truck.
George Square Theatre. Opens tonight.

Bag Lady: Sorcha Cusack in a Frank McGuinness piece.
Traverse. Opens Thurs, lunchtime.

Moon Theatre: Yugoslav Tetovirano Pozoriste company.
Traverse. Opens Thurs, 10pm.

NEWCASTLE: Back With a Vengeance: Barry Humphries drags Dame Edna and Sir Les Patterson around the provinces.
Theatre Royal (091 232 2061). Opens Tues. Until Aug 20. Next stops: Glasgow, Aberdeen, Birmingham.

CONCERTS

FROM AUSTRALIA: The Australian Youth Orchestra is conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras in the UK premiere of the Piano Concerto by Ross Edwards. Also slated for performance are Janácek's symphonic poem *Taras Bulba* and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444). Today, 7.30pm.

MIXED BAG: Mozart's Piano Concerto K 595 (soloist Ingrid Haebler). Britten's Nocturne and Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony, make up this Sunday Prom by the London Mozart Players under Jane Glover.
Royal Albert Hall. Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

NEW BARRY: In between Elgar's Violin Concerto (Ernst Kovacic, soloist) and Sibelius's Symphony No 5, the Ulster Orchestra gives the world premiere of a BBC commission, Gerald Barry's *Chevaux-de-frise*.
Royal Albert Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

SLANTING WILLOW: Richard Hickox conducts the City of London Sinfonia in Frank Bridge's *Thee is a Willow Grows Aslant a Brook*, Britten's Variations on a Theme by Frank Bridge, Michael Berkeley's *Songs of Awakening Love* and Bizet's youthful Symphony in C major.
Royal Albert Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

COMPLICATED CARTER: After Elliott Carter's complex Variations for Orchestra, the Taiwanese pianist Pi-Hsien Chen is heard in Stravinsky's *Capriccio*. Sarah Leonard sings Donatoni's Arias and the BBC SO is joined by the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus for Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms*. Peter Eötvös conducts.
Royal Albert Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

BERNSTEIN AT 70: John McGlinn conducts the LSO in excerpts from *West Side Story, Candide, On the Town*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Thurs, 7.45pm.

RADIO

IN THE PSYCHIATRIST'S CHAIR: Anthony Clare dissects his first political victim – Edwina Currie. Will the gentle psychiatrist survive?
Radio 4, Wed, 9.05-9.40am.

THE RADIO 4 GENERATION: Young debaters make a feast of gluttony, while chairman John Humphrys tries to stop listeners getting indigestion.
Radio 4, Fri, 8.20-9.05pm.



● **Another all-male bastion has fallen. Radio 3's classical recordings programme makes history by devoting its morning slots exclusively to women composers – Clara Schumann (above) wife of Robert, and Fanny Hensel, sister of Mendelssohn. Highlights include Clara's Piano Concerto, which she wrote when she was 14 (we hear the Berlin Symphony, with Ponti as soloist), and Fanny's *Lieder ohne Worte*. Radio 3, Mon to Fri, 8.35-9.35am.**

FILMS

THE MILAGRO BEANFIELD WAR (15): An impoverished farmer's plans to cultivate his land spark a battle between little people and big business.
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234), from Fri.

EDINBURGH FILM FESTIVAL: A new British film, *The Dress Maker*, adapted from Beryl Bainbridge's novels, launches the 42nd festival tonight. Joan Plowright and Billie Whitelaw play two aunts bringing up a teenage girl in wartime Liverpool; Jim O'Brien directs. Other highlights of the first week include life in the 50s, *Distant Voices, Still Lives* (Aug 19), Percy Adlon's comedy *Bagdad Cafe*, about a Bavarian lady at large in the American West (Aug 19), and *Midnight Run* (Aug 14), a comic road movie with Robert de Niro and Charles Grodin as a bounty hunter and kidnap victim making the trek from New York to Los Angeles.
Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 2688).

JAZZ

ROUND MIDNIGHT: Overlapping with the Edinburgh Jazz Festival, the season is launched by the Lee Konitz Quartet and capped by local boy Tommy Smith.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) Fri-Sat 27.

BRECON JAZZ '88: Appearances by Slim Gaillard, Joe Lee Wilson and the Harlem Blues And Jazz Band.
Various venues, Brecon, Powys (info: 0874 5557) Fri-Sun.

ROCK

JULIA FORDHAM: Purring torch singer, currently in the chart with "Happy Ever After".
Thurs, Fernham Hall, Fareham (0329 231942); fri, Riverside Studios, London W6 (01-748 3354).

BROKEN ENGLISH: Clever Rolling Stones/ZZ Top pastiche.
Wed, Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 261 4386); Thurs, Venue, Edinburgh (031 557 3073); Fri, Jings, Dingwall, Nr Inverness (0349 64018).

TELEVISION

REMEMBER CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Robert Kee's 1969 documentary about the heady days of the "Prague Spring" of 1968 is repeated on the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet invasion.
ITV, Tues, 10.35-11.35pm.

THAT WAS THEN...THIS IS NOW: How many comebacks can one singer have? Gary Glitter has lost count. As shameless as ever, five stone lighter, he gives it another whirl.
BBC2, Wed, 6.50-7.20pm.

GALLERIES

LOST MAGIC KINGDOMS: A show devised by Eduardo Paolozzi in which his own sculptures are displayed alongside historic objects from the Museum of Mankind.
York City Art Gallery (0904-623839), from today.

REFLECTIONS OF VENICE: Two centuries of paintings and watercolours from Michele Marieschi (1710-1743) to Edward Seago.
The Carlton Gallery, Edinburgh (031 556 1010), from today.

OPERA

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Ravel double bill of *L'Enfant et les sortilèges and L'Heure espagnole*, tonight, Mon, Tues and Thurs at 6.20pm. Revival of *La traviata*, tomorrow at 4.50pm and Wed at 5.50pm.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

FOLKOPERA OF STOCKHOLM: The provocative alternative company bring *Turandot* in Swedish to the Edinburgh Festival tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri at 7.30pm.
Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756/01-240 7200).

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE: *The Little Rats*, by Peter Allwood and Jeremy James Taylor, set in Paris in the 1840s, tells the tale of the barefoot *gamins* of the Opéra. Daily at 7.15pm, matinee on Tues at 4pm.
George Square Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756/01-240 7200).

DANCE

MOSCOW CLASSICAL BALLET: The new production of *Swan Lake* has further performances this afternoon and evening, Sun mat, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Aug 20.
Business Design Centre, Islington (01-836 1226).

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Besides Michael Clark (see top of page), this week includes fringe performances by students of Ballet Rambert School. *The Kosh* in a piece adapted by Roger McGough from a story by Nabokov, and the Chinese Theatre Circle from Singapore in Chinese "opera" dance acrobatics.
Fringe details and bookings 031 226 5138.

PHOTOGRAPHY

JOHN MUIR WOOD 1805-1892: Scottish musician whose interests turned to photography during the 1840s and 50s.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh (031 556 8921).

NORMAN PARKINSON: Continues his 75th birthday celebrations with exhibition of vintage prints.
Hamiltons Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London W1 (01-499 9493).

FILMS ON TV

ATLANTIC CITY (1981): Louis Malle's powerfully melancholic piece with Burt Lancaster as an old gangster living in the past.
BBC1, Mon, 11.30pm-1.05am.

ONE MAN'S WAR (1981): Edgardo Cozarinsky's powerful documentary portrait of Paris under Nazi occupation.
Channel 4, Thurs, 12.15-2.55am.



● **By a strange quirk of scheduling, films directed by John Cassavetes and starring his wife, Gena Rowlands (above), are playing against each other on Friday night. BBC1 is showing the 1980 picture *Gloria* (11.25pm-1.25pm), while Channel 4 has the British TV premiere of *Love Streams* (12.15-12.55am), made in 1984 and winner of the Golden Bear award at the Berlin Festival. Both films are worth seeing; best to set up the video.**

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE 25th ANNIVERSARY: Peter Hall's *The Tempest*. Oct 27. Phone booking from Mon.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

KENWOOD GALA EVENING: Medici Quartet play at The Orangery, The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood. Oct 9.
Tickets: Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01 379 5533).

LAST CHANCE

WATCHET 1000: Programme of special events celebrating Viking raids of Watchet in 988 AD culminates today.
Details: Tourist Office, 20 Fore Street, Williton, Taunton (0984 32291).

PORTRAITS OF POETS: Photographic portraits of poets writing in Great Britain and Ireland, by Christopher Barker. Ends tomorrow.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Radio: Peter Davalle; Television: Chris Petit; Films on TV: Peter Waymark; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

A Festival flavour from Italy

An international festival must discover a theme, or it risks being criticized as a mere assemblage of the world's currently available cultural plums. This year's Edinburgh Festival has chosen Italy – "Italy visits Edinburgh" is how the official programme puts it – although Japan, France, Canada, Belgium and Germany will also pay calls, and this is only the list of nations bringing theatrical offerings. Extend the list to include opera, ballet, concerts and films, and you can add a further dozen names.

The art exhibitions will be predominantly Italian, making it possible to go first to peer at objects from Pompeii and Herculaneum, then wander around three centuries of Neapolitan painting before arriving, suitably primed, at the Royal Lyceum Theatre to watch *Miseria e Nobilta* (Rich Man, Poor Man) by the Neapolitan *farceur* Eduardo Scarpetta. First produced in Naples 100 years ago, the present production is by his descendant, the actor and director of the company that bears his name, Il Sipario di Mario Scarpetta. The jolly plot follows the antics of a cook who inherits a fortune, makes himself a nobleman and hires the inhabitants of a slum tenement to pose as his aristocratic relatives.

The Festival's first full day is August 15, when two remarkable productions from Canada both open. *B-Movie: The Play*, by Tom Wood, parodies every dreadful movie ever made while Tomson Highway's *The Rez Sisters*, though also full of humour, offers a glance at the unfamiliar world of the Indian reservation. The "rez" women, addicted to bingo, flock to the city to try for a half million dollar prize. The audience gets to play bingo as well.

Yukio Ninagawa's breath-taking production of *Macbeth* at the Festival in 1985 and *Medea* in 1986 (both staged again at the National Theatre in London last year) were the high spots of their years. For 1988 his Tokyo-based company are bringing his production of *The Tempest*. Photographs showing the doomed ship tilting over a heaving golden quilt of sea suggest no diminution in his gift for marrying Western texts with a radiantly beautiful, Eastern style of staging.

None of the above productions will stay in Edinburgh for longer than a week but a home product is run throughout the Festival, as a celebration of the centenary of James Bridie (1888-1951), a doctor who adopted at least two other pseudonyms for his stage work, including one he kept for writing pantomimes at the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre. The Brunton Theatre Company is reviving *Holy Isle*, a comedy with music about a young seafarer who discovers a Utopian island and the way its inhabitants cope with pressures from the outside world.

With up to 50 visiting groups taking part in the official programme, and over a thousand jostling for attention in the Fringe, the visitor to Edinburgh must also learn to cope quickly or go under.

Jeremy Kingston

The Festival runs from August 15 to September 5. *B-Movie: The Play* (Royal Lyceum Theatre), August 15-20. *The Rez Sisters* (St Bride's Centre), August 15-20. *The Tempest* (Playhouse Theatre), August 17-21. *Miseria e Nobilta* (Royal Lyceum Theatre), August 25-28. *Holy Isle* (Church Hill Theatre), August 15-27, (Brunton Theatre), August 29-Sep 3.
All booking information 031-225 5756.



Doctor who? Doctor James Bridie, author and adopter of pseudonyms

WORD-WATCHING

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MOPERY
(a) Loitering or vagrancy, from the dialect *mope* to be listless: "The War must've been lean times for crowd control, murder and mopery was [sic] the best you could do, one suspect at a time."

ROSOLIO
(c) A sweet Mediterranean liqueur made of brandy and raisins; also a blackcurrant wine mentioned in Thackeray's *The Great Hoggarty Diamond*.

BOBBERY
(b) An exclamation of excitement or surprise, Anglo-Indian from the Hindi *Bap-re* or *Bap-re Bap* O Father!, as an Englishman in moments of emotion might apostrophize his sainted aunt or great-grandmother or Holy Moses!

MORMAL
(c) An inflamed sore, especially on the leg, from the medieval Latin *mortuum malum*; *The Canterbury Tales, Prologue*: "Great harm was it as it thoght me/That on his shyne a mormal hadde he."

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales SCOTLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 Scottish News and Sport 9.45-10.40 Sportscene NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.15pm Inside Ulster Newsline 5.20-5.45 Change of Heart ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 London Sport; Plymouth: Spotlight Sport and News; Other regions: News and Sport

ANGLIA As London except:11.30am-12.00 Knight Rider 1.05pm The Fall Guy 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.05 Anglia News, Weather and Sport 5.10-5.40 A.L.F. 11.45 Pop Profile: Genesis 12.00am-1.00 Journey to the Unknown

BORDER As London except:11.30am The American Top 10 12.00pm-1.00 Crown Green Bowling 1.05 The Man from UNCLE 2.00 Crown Green Bowling 5.00 News and weather 5.10-5.40 ALF 11.40 Worlds Beyond 12.10am Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except:11.30a-12.00 Mr Merlin 1.05pm The 1956 Calgary Stampede 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 ALF 12.00am Prisoner Cell Block H 12.40 Film: Captain Kronos – Vampire Hunter 2.30 Europe's Top Ten 2.50-5.00 Film: Police Python 357

CHANNEL As London except:11.30am-12.00 Terrahawks 1.05pm International Survival of the Fittest 1.35 Balham: Gateway to the South 2.00 The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 ALF 4.00am Company 4.05 America's Top 10 4.35-5.00 Jack Thompson Down Under

GRAMPIAN As London except:11.30am-12.00 Freagair Seo 1.05 The Fall Guy 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 Child's Play 11.45 1st Exposure 12.15am Reflections 12.20 Close

GRANADA As London except:11.30am Terrahawks 12.00pm-1.00 Crown Green Bowling 2.30 Crown Green Bowling 5.00 News 5.05 Woody Woodpecker 5.10-5.40 Punky Brewster 11.45 Kojak 12.45am Film: Night Kill 2.25 WKRP in Cincinnati 3.00 Formula One 4.00-5.00 The Best of the Beat Club

HTV WEST As London except:11.30am-12.00 America's Top 10 1.05 The Fall Guy 2.00 Film: The Saint's Girl Friday 3.05 Film: The Malta Story 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 ALF 11.40 Film: The Eagle Has Landed 2.10am HTV Weather and Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except:No Variations

SCOTTISH As London except:11.30am-12.00 America's Top 10 1.05pm The Fall Guy 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 Give Us a Clue 11.45 Kojak 12.40am Film: Night Kill 2.35 WKRP in Cincinnati 3.00 Formula One 4.00-5.00 Best of the Beat Club

TSW As London except:11.30am-12.00 The South West Week 1.05pm The Fall Guy 2.00-5.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.05 Newsport 5.10-5.40 Child's Play 11.45 Kojak 12.40am Postscript, Weather, Close

TVS As London except:11.30am-12.00 Terrahawks 1.05 Survival of the Fittest 1.35 Balham: Gateway to the South 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 Love Me, Love Me Not 4.00am Company 4.05 America's Top 10 4.35-5.00 Jack Thompson Down Under

TYNE TEES As London except:11.35am-12.00 America's Top 10 1.05 The Fall Guy 2.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 ALF 11.40 Sammy Davis Jnr Concert for UNICEF 12.40am Inner Space 12.50-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:11.30am-12.00 The Adventures of Milo 1.05 The Fall Guy 2.00-5.00 Film: The Big Country 5.00 News 5.05 Ulster Newstime 5.10-5.40 ALF 11.40 Ricky Nelson & Fats Domino 1.10am Ulster Weather

YORKSHIRE As London except:11.30am-12.00 Cricket: Yorks v Somerset 1.05pm Cricket 5.00 News 5.10-5.40 Child's Play 11.40 Crazy Like a Fox 12.40am Film: House of Wax 2.30 Yep and Nope 2.30 Sledgehammer 3.00 Music Box 4.00 Night Heat

S4C Starts:6.35 Right Talk 10.15 What the Papers Say 10.30 Woman In View 11.00 Moneyspinner 11.30 Held in Trust 12.00 Teesra Kinara 12.30 The Making of Britain 1.00 I Belong, Therefore I Am 2.00 Film: 100 Men and a Girl 2.30 Film: Three Smart Girls 5.00 Glasgow, By the Way 6.00 Joseph Needham, FRS, FBA 7.00 The Planets 7.35 Newyddion 7.50 Campesto 8.20 Rargfan Fawr Ebo 8.05 Resio 9.35 True Stories 10.55 Kellogg's Pro-Cycling Tour of Britain 11.35 After Dark 2.25 Diwedd

RTE 1 Starts:11.15 Ovid and the Gang 11.30 Batman 12.00 The Hardy Boys Mysteries 12.50 News 12.52 Sports Stadium 5.00 Fesris Tale Theatre 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Racoons 6.40 The Muppet Show 7.10 All Fired Up 8.05 Jack and Mike 9.00 News 9.15 The London Embassy 10.15 Film: River Rat 12.00 News, Close

RTE 2 Starts:4.45 Film: The Miracle of The Bells 6.35 A Scandinavian Saga 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 The Forum Presents 9.00 Greyhound Racing from Shelbourne Park 10.00 Paradise Postponed 11.00 The Politics of Food 11.55 Close

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 12.55am-1.00 News and weather SCOTLAND: 12.30pm-1.00 Landward 4.40 Roll Harris Cartoon Time 5.05 The Living Planet 6.00-6.25 The Beechgrove Garden 12.55am-1.00 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.40pm-5.05 Tomorrow's Farm

BBC2 WALES: 3.00pm-4.00 and 5.00-6.00 Cricket: Glamorgan v Worcestershire

ANGLIA As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh 1.00pm Link 1.15 The Vet 1.20 Anglia News 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 4.30 Hart to Hart 5.25 Wildwatch 5.55-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am For the Honor of Their Country

BORDER As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-1.40 Cartoon 4.30 Mr & Mrs 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except:9.25am Cartoon Time 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.05pm Gardening Time 1.45-2.00 Link 4.30 All Clued Up 5.00 Film: For the Love of Benji 12.30am Prisoner 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Les Miserables 3.20 Rock of Europe 4.20-5.00 Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except:9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00 Get Fresh Sunday 1.00 Link 1.15 Les Français Chez-Vous 1.35 Cartoon 4.30 Cartoon 4.40 Skiing with Anneka Rice 5.25 Good Life Guide 5.55-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am-1.00 For the Honor of Their Country 3.00 Company 3.05 Extra Dimensions 4.00 Island Life 4.30-5.00 An Invitation to Remember

GRAMPIAN As London except:9.25 Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 11.00 America's Top Ten 11.30-12.00 For The Honor of Their Country 1.00 Farming Outlook 1.30 Grampian news 1.35-1.40 Cartoon 4.30 Jimmy Greaves 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am Reflections, Close.

GRANADA As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Action Pow! 1.35-1.40 Aap Kaa Hak 4.30 Spare Tyres 5.00 All Clued Up 5.30-6.25 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Donahue 1.25 Film: Aces High 3.30-5.00 Off the Wall

HTV WEST As London except:9.25am Tweety Pie 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.05pm West Country Farming 1.35 Cartoon Time 1.45-2.00 Link 4.30 Who's The Boss? 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.25 All Clued Up 11.30 Silk Road – Two Roads to the Pamirs 12.30am HTV Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:11.30pm-12.30am The Silk Road

SCOTTISH As London except:9.35am Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 11.00 Knight Rider 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm The Jacksons 1.30-1.40 Canadian Documentary 4.30 Jimmy Greaves 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.25 All Clued Up 11.30 Columba 12.25am Late Call 12.30 Donahue 1.25 Film: Aces High 3.30 Off the Wall 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

TSW As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.00pm Farming News 1.30-1.40 Out of Limits 4.30 The Campbells 5.00 Highway to Heaven 5.55-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am Sunday Review 12.35 Weather, Close

TVS As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.05pm Link 1.20 Getting In On The Act 1.35-2.00 Cartoon Time 4.30 Cartoon 4.40 Skiing with Anneka Rice 5.25 Good Life Guide 5.55-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am For the Honor of Their Country 3.00 Company 3.05 Extra Dimensions 4.00 Island Life 4.30-5.00 An Invitation to Remember

TYNE TEES As London except:9.25am Hello Sunday 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.35 Link 1.50 Cartoon 4.30 All Clued Up 5.00 Short Story Theatre 5.30-5.55 Highway to Heaven 12.30am Inner Space 12.40-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh 1.05pm Gardening Time 1.45 Weather 1.45-2.00 Link 4.30 Play Better Squash 5.00 Wings – Smoke on Go 6.00-6.55 All Clued Up 11.35 GAA Football 12.30am Sports Results 12.35 Ulster Newstime

YORKSHIRE As London except:9.25am Cartoon Time 9.35 Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00-10.30 Get Fresh Sunday 1.10pm Link 1.25 Farming Diary 4.30 Film: For the Love of Benji 5.55-6.25 All Clued Up 12.30am Film: Hockey Night 2.00 Night Gallery 2.30 Taxi 3.00 Music Box 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C Starts:10.00 Lessons for Profit 11.00 Network 7 1.00pm Strangers Abroad 2.00 Film: All the King's Men 4.00 Coming of Age 5.00 Equinox 6.00 Kellogg's Pro-Cycling Tour of Britain 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Mansaret Williams 8.00 Mwynhau'r Pethe 8.30 Arwyddion Haf 9.00 Cwch O'r Enw Corwynt 10.05 Film: Hour of the Gun 12.00 Film: Blood of Hussein 2.00am Close.

RTE 1 Starts:12.15 Service 1.00 News followed by Six Centuries of Football Semifinals 5.00 Puinni 5.25 Forbie Cosby Show 6.50 Douglas Hyde: A Retrospective View 7.30 Film: The Great Locomotive Chase 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Starring Over 11.15 Musical Journey 11.45 News, Close.

RTE 2 Starts:4.00 Showjumping from Millstreet 6.30 The Human Ditch 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 The Yellow River 9.00 Swallows 10.30 Sunday Game 11.30 Close.

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ATRE
LONE: Marcel Marceau, wledged as the greatest living of the art of mime, returns to dom stage for the first time 934 with a three-week season ted by members of his ny. Of almost a score of includes four are new to n. *La Tempete* (The Tempest), th three of his assistants are about in an invisible boat an invisible storm at sea, a sensation at its Paris are earlier this year. Sadler's (01-278 5916). Opens Tuesday

sands of Weather in 938 AD outdoor play). Details: Tourist Office, 20 Fore Street, Taunton (0823 32291).

PORTRAITS OF POETS: Photographic portraits of poets writing in Great Britain and Ireland by Christopher Barker. Ends tomorrow. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002).

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● Where English cinema looks to a discreet past for literary adaptations, the *French* have always been more adventurous and found a rich source in Anglo-American crime thrillers. English writers neglected here but not in France, include Derek Raymond (*He Died With His Eyes Open* and *The Devil's Home On Leave*) and John Wainwright, who has been adapted by Claude Miller, director of **Deadly Run** (BBC2, 11.30pm), which is based on the wonderfully odd *The Eye of the Beholder*, a novel by the American screenwriter, Marc Behm (*Charade* and *Help!*), and transposed from the US to France. A detective, obsessed with a beautiful young woman (Isabelle Adjani) whose wealthy lovers vanish with alarming regularity (ground similar to that covered in Rafaelson's more recent *Black Widow*), becomes both her pursuer and secret protector in a bizarre *pas de deux au bout de la nuit*. Although this adaptation misses the free-fall surrealism of the original, it more than conveys the single-minded and hallucinatory quality of the obsession.

Chris Petit

CHOICE



Isabelle Adjani who plays the beautiful woman whose lovers often disappear under strange circumstances (BBC2, 14.30pm)



Rev David Salt consoles some of the people affected by the tragic events in Hungerford 12 months ago (BBC1, 10.20pm)

CHOICE

● The first of a new series of **Everyman** (BBC1, 10.20pm), *A Place Like Hungerford*, revisits the town one year after 16 people were shot dead. The problem is that it raises questions about how far television should intrude into private grief. This documentary treads softly, letting the injured and bereaved speak uninterrupted. The media's earlier foot-in-the-door behaviour is remembered with bitterness, and distaste is expressed at how they made Michael Ryan a spurious celebrity, but for all the programme's restraint and efforts to make amends, one is left wondering if this isn't merely a whispered sightseeing excursion among the ruins of grief. The sound of a child's music box, a cut to a close-up of burgeoning buds after the remark, "Just as life was becoming fruitful", risk sentimentalizing anguish and undercutting the inarticulateness of the grief. Those who speak demonstrate that it is the simple truths of cliché that provide the most reassurance: "Light at the end of the tunnel" . . . "Time heals" . . . "Life has to go on". *In extremis*, such trite phrases reacquire real meaning.

C.P.

BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.25** The Kid (r). **8.30** The Family-Ness (r). **8.35** The Muppet Babies (r).
9.00 UP2U. Children's magazine programme **10.55** Cartoon.
11.05 **Film: Don't Change My World** (1976) starring Roy Tatum. Wildlife film about a photographer *determined to save his* favourite wood from developers. Directed by Robert Rector **12.27** Weather
12.30 *Grandstand* introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** and **1.05** Golf: *from Oklahoma and* Worksop; **1.00** News; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55** Racing from Newbury; **2.05** and **3.05** *Canoeing: from Argyll* and Nottingham; **2.35** and **4.20** Truck Racing: from Silverstone; **4.00** Cycling: from Leicester; **4.45** Olympics: coxless fours prospects; **4.55** Final Score
5.05 News and weather.
5.15 Regional news/sport
5.20 **First Class.** The inter-school competition's second semifinal. Caterham, Surrey, meet Alderman White Comprehensive, Nottingham.
5.45 **Film: Flipper** (1963) starring Chuck Connors. A young man tries to convince his fisherman father that his pet dolphin is not bad for business. Directed by James B. Clark. (Ceefax)
7.15 **Michael Barrymore's Saturday Night Out.** Variety show (Ceefax)
8.00 **Film: Carry On Doctor** (1968) starring Frankie Howerd as a quack who ends up in hospital as a patient being *treated by the usual Carry On* team. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax)
9.30 News, sport, weather.
9.45 **Call Me Mister.** Jack *is hired by a former ballerina to find her* stolen music-box (r). (Ceefax)
10.40 **US PGA Golf Championship.** Third round action from the Oak Tree Country Club, Oklahoma.
12.00 **Film: Shimmering Light** (1978) starring Beau Bridges and Lloyd Bridges. A made-for-television drama about an idle young man who deserts his family firm for the delights of riding the Australian waves. Directed by Don Chaffey.
1.30 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. Ends at **2.45.**
2.50 **Film: Sylvia Scarlett** (1935, b/w) starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant in their first film together. Comedy romance, set in Victorian England, about a young woman, dressed as a boy, who accompanies her swindler father and a cockney (Grant) accomplice on a touring show. Directed by George Cukor
4.15 **Film: Kitty Foyle** (1940, b/w) starring Ginger Rogers. James Craig and Dennis Morgan. Miss Rogers in an Oscar-winning role as a young woman from Philadelphia, engaged to a doctor, who deserts him when an old flame makes a re-appearance. Directed by Sam Wood.
6.00 **Bad Blood.** A *40 Minutes* documentary about the 48th Annual Black Hills Motor Cycle Rally during which 50,000 bikers converge on the small South Dakota farming town of Sturgis. The programme includes a portrait of some of the members of the "Sons of Silence", a bike chapter that believes in white American supremacy, freedom and loyalty to their fellow members (r). (Ceefax)
6.40 **NewsView.** With Moira Stuart and Mike Smartt. Weather
7.20 **Madama Butterfly.** The oriental production of Puccini's opera from La Scala, Milan. With the soprano Yasuko Hayashi in the title role, *Hak-Nam Kim as the* servant Suzuki, Peter Dvorsky as Pinkerton and Giorgio Zancanaro as Sharpless, with the *Chorus and Orchestra of* La Scala, conducted by Lorin Maazel. Sung in Italian with English subtitles (r).
9.45 **Film: Helmet** (1984, colour and b/w) starring Marita Breuer, Rüdiger Weigang and Karin Rasenack. Episode eight of the 11-part series and it is the summer of 1946. Paul Simon returns to the German village from the *United States* and the word of his arrival quickly spreads. But for how long will he be staying? Directed by Edgar Reitz. In German with English subtitles (r).
11.30 **Film: Deadly Run** (1983). In French with English subtitles. (see Choice) Ends **1.25am.**

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6.00 TV-am includes Saturday Sport at **6.30** and the Wide Awake Club for children at **7.30**
9.25 **Get Fresh** withguest Donny Osmond **11.30** Punky Brewster
12.00 **Wrestling** from Radcliffe Civic Hall
1.00 **News 1.05 LWT News** and weather followed by **Film: Bhowani Junction** (1956) starring Stewart Granger and Ava Gardner. Romantic drama set in India immediately prior to the country's independence. Directed by George Cukor
3.15 **International Football.** The Wembley International Challenge. A two-day tournament between Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Bayern Munich and AC Milan.
5.30 **News 5.35 LWT News** and weather
5.40 **Cue Garyl** Comedy with Gary Wilmot, John Inman and Leslie Crowther. (Oracle)
6.10 **Champion Blockbusters**
7.00 **The Kate Robbins Show.** Comedy impressions
7.30 **Tarby's Frame Game.** Game show introduced by Jimmy Tarbuck
8.00 **Summertime Special.** Variety show presented by Bob Carolgees. Topping the bill are Ronnie Corbett and Lulu
9.00 News and sport **9.15** LWT Weather
9.20 **Film: The Odessa File** (1974) starring Jon Voight and Maximilian Schell. Drama about a journalist hunting former Nazis who are living *prosperously in 1960s* Germany under the aegis of an organization named Odessa. Based on the Frederick Forsyth *novel and directed by* Ronald Neame. (Oracle)
11.45 **Film: Satan's School For Girls** (1973) starring *Pamela Franklin and* Roy Thinnes. A made-for-television thriller about a young woman investigating a series of suicides, including that of her sister, at an exclusive girl's school. Directed by David Lowell Rich
1.00am **Night Network.** The guests include Dita Meyer and the Go Betweens; and dentistry is dicussed in the alternative careers slot.
4.00 **Major Indoor Soccer League.** Cleveland v Chicago.
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Making the Most Of** (r). **10.00** Moneyspinner (r).
10.30 **Film: The Gang's All Here** (1943) starring Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda and Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. A Busby Berkeley musical about a US Army sergeant and his showgirl sweetheart.
12.25 **Madcap Magoo.**
12.30 **Empress Wu.** Episode 42 (of 65). **1.00** **The Schooner.** An eight-year-old boy's visit to relatives on a remote Irish island evokes memories half a century old (r).
2.00 **Film: Dragon Seed** (1944, b/w) starring Katharine Hepburn. Powerful drama about Chinese peasants' struggles to repel the Japanese invasion of 1937. Based on the novel by Pearl S. Buck and directed by Harold S. Bucquet and Jack Conway
4.45 **Film: Dutiful But Dumb** (1941, b/w). Comedy starring the Three Stooges. Directed by Del Lord
5.05 **Brookside** (r). (Oracle)
6.00 **Joseph Needham.** The celebrated biochemist talks about his work and his beliefs.
7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **Odyssey.** Film from a French expedition on K2; of a Jewish community on the Malabar coast; an eastern Tibet tribe; and Andalusia (r).
8.00 **Coming of Age.** The second of four programmes on why, *over the next century*, there will be more old people than children around the world. Narrated by Anna Massey
9.00 **Film on Four Extra: Reflections** (1983) starring Gabriel Byrne, Fionnula Flanagan and Harriet Walter. Drama *set in Co Cork about an* historian from Dublin who is renting a lodge for the summer in the grounds of a Palladian mansion. His increasing involvement with the occupants of the big house puts emotional pressure on all involved. Directed by Kevin Billington
10.55 **Kellogg's Tour of Britain.** Stage five: Birmingham to Bristol.
11.55 **After Dark.** Open-ended discussion on money and the new materialism. Among the guests is Nicholas Van Hoogstraten.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below).
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm,** then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence with Roger Scott *including* **2.00-3.00** My Top Ten (Carly Simon) **6.30-7.00** In Concert (Thin Lizzy at the Hammersmith Odeon, first broadcast in 1982) **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier

Radio 2

MW (medium wave)
News on the hour until **1.00pm,** then at **3.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00pm**
4.00 Dave *Bussey* **6.00** *Graham* Knight (including **7.45** Down to Earth with Alan Titchmarsh) **8.05** David *Jacobs* **9.00** Sounds of the 60s with Bobby Vinton **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** Wise on the Wireless **1.30** Sport On 2 including soccer, golf, racing, hockey and cricket **6.00** Cinema 2 (Charles Nove) **6.30** Jukebox Saturday Night (Dave Dee) **7.00** *Three in a Row (Bernie* Clifton) **7.30** Some Enchanted Evening (live concert of excerpts from musical shows) **8.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05** *Night Owls with Dave Gelly* **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT.** Add an hour for **BST.** 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 *A Jolly Good Show* 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Personal View 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 The A-Z of Hollywood 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Sportsworld 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 *Programmes in German 7.00 Proms '88* Live Relay 7.29 News Summary 7.30 Not So Long Ago 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Life at the UN 9.15 The Idea of Europe 9.30 Not So Long Ago 10.00 World News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.25 Nature Notebook 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Words 11.15 The Tony Myatt Request Show 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Play of the Week: The Woodlanders 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 The Third *Policeman* 2.30 *The Ken Bruce Show* 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 5.00 World News and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Walton (Overture Scapino: LSO under Previn); Mendelssohn (Scherzo Octet, Op 20: LSO under Abbado); Chopin (Andante spianato et Grande Polonaise brillante: Los *Angeles PO under Giulini* with Krystian Zimmerman, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Concert contd: Rossini (*Overture to La Cenerentola*: Philharmonia under Giulini); Vivaldi (Violin *Concerto in G*: Academy of Ancient Music); Milhaud (Scaramouche: Alfons Kontarsky, piano, and Aloys Kontarsky, piano); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor: New York PO under Walter)
8.30 News
8.35 Bach: Klavierübung: Andras Schiff (piano) plays Italian Concerto; Four Duets; and Partita in B minor
9.30 *Interpretations on* Record: Comparisons of the character of Don José in *Carmen*
10.30 Record Release: Haydn (Symphony No 96 in D: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Abbado); Mozart (String Quartet in B flat: Classical Quartet); Brahms (Trio in A minor: James Campbell, *clarinet*, Luba Edlina, piano, and Yuli Turovsky, cello); Giuseppe Ferlendis (Oboe Concerto No 1 in F: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Sillito); Bach (Partita No 2 in D minor: Yehudi Menuhin, violin); Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra)
1.00 News
1.05 Liszt and the Piano: Played by Leslie Howard (r)
1.35 *Enesco and Ysaye*: Sherban Lupu (violin) and Claude Cymerman (piano) play Enesco (Sonata No 3 in A minor, Op 25); Ysaye (Sonata in D minor, Op 27 No 3) and Saint-Saëns (Etude en forme de valse) (r)
2.20 Toscanini Conducts the NBC: Rossini's Overture to the *Barber of Seville* (1945); Beethoven's Symphony No 2 in D (1951) and Piano Concerto No 1 in C (1945); and *Brahms* (Symphony No 3 in F)
4.25 Debut: Lynne Dawson (soprano) with Robin Bowman (piano) perform Poulenc (Poèmes de Ronsard: A sa guitare; and La Chemins de l'amour) and Roussel (Le Départ; Le Jardin mouillé; Sarabande; Coeur en *péril*)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: Introduced by Peter Clayton
5.45 The Grand Seasons: John Steane traces the history of Covent Garden opera between 1932 and 1936 (4 of 5)
6.30 Academia Wind Quintet of Prague: Dussek (Partita in F); Viktor Kalabis (*Piccolo musica da camera*, Op 27); and Reicha (Wind Quintet in D, Op 91 No 3)
7.15 The Life of Art: by Helen Garner. Read by Madi Hedd (r)
7.30 *Proms 88*: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. Australian Youth Orchestra under Charles Mackerras with Leslie Howard (piano) perform Janacek (Rhapsody from Taras Bulba); Ross Edwards (Piano Concerto); and *Berlioz (Symphonie* fantastique). Includes **8.15** Idée Fixe: from the memoirs and letters of Berlioz, with Norman Rodway as the composer
9.45 Panocha String Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in D, Op 33 No 6); Martinu (Quartet No 7 – Concerto da camera); and Dvorak (Quartet in G, Op 106) (r)
11.05 Book, Music and Lyrics: Presented by Robert Cushman (r)
12.00 *News* **12.05** *Close*

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing: Weather **6.10** *Farming Week* **6.50** Prayer For the Day **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs a political quiz with MPs Austin Mitchell and Julian Critchley, Anthony Howard and Julia Langdon
10.30 America – The Movie: American history (1930-1960) as reflected through the Hollywood movies of the time (final part) (s)
11.00 News; Talking Politics: James Naughtie talks to Labour's Trade and Industry spokesman Bryan Gould MP about his life and interests
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 A Small Country Living: Experiences of life in rural Britain today
12.25 Whose Line Is It Anyway?: A series of ad-libbed comedy with John Sessions, Stephen Fry, *Jimmy Mulville* and Nonny Williams (s) (r)
1.00 News
1.10 Towards 2000 With the Radio 4 Generation: A discussion in which young people explore aspects of the kind of society they expect towards the year 2000 (r) **1.55** *Shipping* Forecast
2.00 News; Consuming Passions: Sarah Dunant meets fashion designer Joseph
2.45 *The Best of Morning* Story: American Dreamer written and read by Harry Towb (r)
3.00 News; The Hallelujah Blues: Play by Tony Dennis with Hugh Quarshie and Okon Jones (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans reports on the latest scientific discoveries
5.00 Prophets Returned: Derek Cooper talks to Penence Gray whose theories about food were ahead of their time (r)
5.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 In The Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare talks to film-director Ken Russell (r)
7.45 Saturday-night Theatre: More Work for the Undertaker by Margery Allingham, with Francis Mathews and Geoffrey Matthews (s) (r)
9.15 Music in Mind: Peter Barkworth presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Colin Semper (s) **9.58** *Weather*
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Watching You Watching Me. Chris Serle looks at the *world of portrait sculpture* through the eyes of both the sitter and sculptor
10.45 A Sideways Look at . . . with Anthony Smith
11.00 When Housewives had the Choice: Russell Davies and Maureen Lipman recall the Light Programme request show (r)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Prefaces to Shakespeare **5.00** Cancer Check **5.30** Language Extra

BBC1

6.45 Open University. Until **8.50**
8.55 Play School (r) **9.15** Umbrella. Children's religious series (r).
9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Hastings
10.00 **Film: Sunstruck** (1972) starring Harry Secombe and Maggie Fitzgibbon. A shy teacher from Wales takes a job in a one-kangaroo town in Australia. Directed by James Gilbert **11.30** Cartoon.
11.40 **Having a Baby.** Ante-natal care. Last in the series (r). (Ceefax)
12.10 **Sign Extra.** A programme on electricity safety, adapted for the hearing impaired
12.30 **Country File.** Salt-making in East Anglia; lavender farming in Norfolk; and mountain bikers v walkers in the Peak District **12.55** Weather
1.00 News with Moira Stuart **1.05** **Bonanza.** Western adventures starring Lorne Greene and Dan Blocker **1.50** Cartoon
2.00 **EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 **Film: The Last Hunt** (1955) starring Robert Taylor and Stewart Granger. Buffalo hunt drama set in 1883 Dakota. Directed by Richard Brooks
4.40 **Head of the Class.** The last in the American comedy series set in a high school. **5.05** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
5.30 **The Living Planet.** Part 10 – Islands (r). (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
6.40 **Songs of Praise** from Minehead. (Ceefax)
7.15 **A Question of Entertainment.** Showbiz quiz introduced by Tom O'Connor. (Ceefax)
7.45 **Master of the Game.** The final part of the drama based on Sidney Sheldon's novel *starring Dyan Cannon* (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
10.20 **Everyman: A Place Like Hungerford.** *(see* Choice)
11.20 **Heirs and Graces.** Lady Victoria Leatham is the guide around her home – Burghley House (first shown on BBC East).
11.50 **International Golf.** The final round of the US PGA Championship from Oak Tree Country Club, Oklahoma, introduced by Steve Rider.
12.55am Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.05 **Hawk of the Wilderness** (b/w). Episode ten of the vintage adventure serial **1.20** Cartoon.
1.30 **Sunday Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.35** and **4.00** Eventing: the Barbour British Open Championships from Gatcombe Park, Gloucestershire. The commentators are Raymond Brooks-Ward, Michael Tucker and Hugh Thomas. **3.00** and **5.00** Cricket: the Refuge Assurance League game at Hove between Sussex and Lancashire. The commentators are Peter Walker and Christopher Martin-Jenkins. **6.30** Golf: highlights of the third round of the US PGA Championships from Oak Tree Country Club, Oklahoma.
6.50 **Rough Guide to Europe.** Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha find Copennagen's alternative tourist spots (r).
7.45 **The RKO Story – Tales from Hollywood.** This third of six programmes features the women stars of the studio including Katharine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers who talk about their Oscar-winning careers (r).
8.45 **Young at Heart.** Lindsay Anderson introduces this moving Oscar-winning documentary about two widowed artists in their eighties who find happiness together.
9.15 **Edinburgh International Festival.** The opening concert. Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* performed by the Scottish National Orchestra and the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, conducted by Neeme Jarvi. The soloists are Deborah Rees (soprano), Neil Archer (tenor) and Sergei Leiferkus (baritone). *Presented by Brian* Kay
10.30 **Moviedrome.** Alex Cox introduces **Film: One from the Heart** (1982) starring Frederic Forrest and Teri Garr. A couple argue on the fifth anniversary of their meeting and go their separate ways, each becoming involved in other romances. Directed by Francis Coppola. Ends at **12.25am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am
9.25 **International Football.** *Further action from the* two-day tournament at Wembley between Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, AC Milan and Bayern Munich
10.30 **The Campbells.**
11.00 **Morning Worship** from All Saints Church, East Sheen.
12.00 **Jobwatch.** The need for high quality training.
1.00 **LWT News** and weather **1.05** **Cartoon Time 1.15** The Care Bears (r).
1.40 Link investigates the portrayal of disability on television
2.00 **Stars and Steeples** examines today's way of death.
2.30 **International Athletics.** The Dairy Crest Games from Gateshead. Great Britain v Hungary v an International Select
4.30 **International Football.** The climax of the Wembley International Challenge
6.25 **News** with Sue Carpenter **6.30** **LWT News** and weather.
6.35 **Appeal** by Richard Whiteley on behalf of the Teberous Sclerosis Association of Great Britain
6.40 **Dial-a-Hymn.** Viewers' requests sung by choirs of Anglican churches in the Mortlake and East Sheen areas of London. For requests ring 01-222 8000 from 4.00pm
7.15 **Best of Through the Keyhole** (r). (Oracle)
7.45 **Classmates.** Celebrities meet their old school chums. (Oracle)
8.15 **Clive James on Television** (r).
9.15 **News 9.25 LWT Weather**
9.30 **The ITV Play: Chekhov in Yalta** starring Tom Courtenay and Diana Quick. A comedy, written by John Dreer and Jeffrey Haddow, set in 1900, about the Moscow Arts Theatre Company's tour of the Crimea in an attempt to woo Chekhov into *allowing them to present* his next play (Oracle)
11.00 **Men on Violence.** Why do some men murder?
11.30 **The Bretts.** Serial about a theatrical family
12.30am **International Football.** Highlights of the weekend's Wembley International Challenge.
1.00 **Night Network** with the Sinatras in concert
3.00 **Indy-Cart Racing** from Phoenix.
5.00 **ITN Morning news.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Teesra Kinara.** Episode 19 of the 26-part *Pakistani drama serial*
9.50 **Settlers' Tales.** First generation Asian immigrants
10.00 **Strangers Abroad.** Sir Walter Baldwin Spencer and his exploration of Australia at the end of the last century (r).
11.00 **Network 7** includes items on the yogi hopping Olympics, faith healing: and the Children of God cult. Plus an interview with Glynis Barber. **1.00** **Wired** (r).
2.00 **Lost in Space** (b/w). Episode 27 of the 29-part vintage science fiction adventure
3.00 **Film: Blowing Wild** (1953, b/w) starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck. Drama set in Mexico in the early 1930s about an oil man having trouble from bandits and his former mistress. Directed by Hugo Fregonese.
4.40 **World of Animation**
4.55 **News** and weather
5.00 **Hot House People.** The last part of the series on intelligence ennancement (r). (Oracle)
6.00 **Kellogg's Tour of Britain.** The final stage – 52 laps of a 1.25 mile circuit around Westminster
7.15 **Equinox: How Good is Soviet Science?** A documentary exploring the successes and contradictions of Soviet science policy, presented by Loren Graham, professor of Soviet Studies at MIT.
8.15 **Man and Music: Georgian London.** This first of a six-part segment of the continuing story of music in place and time, written and presented by Bamber Gascoigne, follows Handel's arrival in London in around 1710
9.15 **The Dame Edna Experience!** The guests are Mary Whitehouse, Cliff Richard and Sean Connery (r).
10.05 **Film: The Hour of the Gun** (1967) starring James Garner and *Robert Ryan. Western* adventure set in Tombstone immediately after the notorious gunfight at the OK Corral. *Directed by John* Sturges
12.00 **Film: Bhavni Bhavai** (1980) starring Smita Patil. A folk tale combining dance and drama examining the problems faced by the Untouchables. Directed by Kehtan Mehta. Ends **2.20am**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm,** then at **3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00**
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Radio 1 More Time **3.30** Backchat (Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton) **4.00** *Chartbusters* (Bruno Brookes) **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** The Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** BBC *Concert Orchestra Showcase* **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As *Radio 1* **12.00-4.00am** *As Radio 2*

Radio 2

MW (medium wave)
Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** *Melodies for You* **11.00** Desmond Carrington with your Radio 2 All-Time Greats **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport **6.30** Peter Haigh **7.35** Personal Choice **8.30** My Hymns **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Howard Blane and Tony Hymas **11.00** Steve Voce **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT.** Add an hour for **BST.** 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Five Faces of Jazz 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Words 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure s Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 A Life at the UN 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Londres Midi: French News Magazine 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor 12.00 News Summary 12.01 Play of the Week: The Woodlanders 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 2.00 News Summary 2.30 Trivia Test Match 3.00 *Radio Newsreel* 3.15 *From the Proms* 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Play of the Week: The Woodlanders 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour – Celbrity Choice 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 The Third Policeman 10.25 Book Choice 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 The Stuarts 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News Summary 1.01 *The Idea of Europe* 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 *Letter From America* 5.00 World News and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 The Wind Players: Boston Symphony Orchestra play Debussy (Syrinx), Villa-Lobos (*Bachiana Brasileira No* 6) and Stravinsky (Octet)
7.30 News
7.35 The Beethoven Piano Sonatas: John Lill plays piano sonatas in D minor Op 31 No 2 and in E flat Op 31 No 3
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Dohnanyi (Serenade in C, Op 10 Itzhak Perlman, violin, Pinchas Zukerman, viola, and Lynn Harrell, cello); Spohr (Clarinet Concerto No 1: Stuttgart *RSO under de Burgos*); Scarlatti (Sonatas in E, in E flat, in E minor and in A: Vladimir Horowitz, piano); Delage (Quartre poèmes hindous: Melos Ensemble of London with Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano); Ernst (Study from The Last Rose of Summer: Gidon Kremer, violin); and Martinu (Czech Rhapsody: Prague SO under Belohlávek with Ivan Kusnjer, baritone)
10.30 The Week at the Proms: *Preview of the coming week*
10.45 Istanbul Festival: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Albert Rosen with Alexander Baillie (cello) perform Berlioz (Overture to The Corsair); Walton (Cello Concerto); and Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique) includes **11.30** *Professor Filiz Ali talks* about Turkish musical life
12.30 Frenwork With Christopher Wilson (lute) perform pieces by John Dowland and William Byrd (r) Includes **1.10** Interval reading
1.50 Don Giovanni Mozart's opera, sung in Italian, performed by the Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala under Riccardo Muti with Edita Gruberova (soprano) and Thomas Allen (baritone)
5.00 *Celebrity Recital*: Borodin String Quartet with Peter Donohoe (piano) perform Shostakovich's Quartets No 10 in A flat, Op 118 and No 11 in F minor, Op 122; and Piano Trio in E minor, Op 67
6.20 Beppo: Lord Byron's comic poem read by Alec McCowen
7.00 A Summer Evening's Idyll: Includes Delius (Summer Evening: RPO under Beecham); Brahms (Sommerabend, Op 85 *No 1: Dietrich Fischer-*Dieskau, baritone, with Daniel Barenboim, piano); John Ireland (Summer Evening: Eric Parkin, piano); and Delius (Songs to be Sung of a Summer's Night on the Water: Cambridge Singers under John Rutter)
7.30 Proms 88: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. *London Mozart Players* under Jane Glover with Ingrid Haebler (piano) and Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor) perform Kodaly (Summer Evening), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat), Britten (Nocturne); and Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D). Includes **8.25** Peter Porter talks about the relationship of poetry to music. Reader is John Baddeley
9.40 North and South: Peter *Pulzer, Gladstone Professor* of Government, Oxford University, in the first of two talks (r)
10.00 Goetz and Raff: Rosemarie Wright (piano) plays pieces by Hermann Goetz and Joachim Raff
10.30 Choral Evensong: Recorded in St George's Parish Church, Beckenham, Kent
11.30 The Lark Ascending: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville *Marriner with Iona Brown* (violin) play the Vaughan Williams's piece which was dedicated to the violinist Marie Hall
12.00 News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday incl **7.55** Weather
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** *The Week s Good Cause:* Childlink **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America: by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus
11.15 News Stand: Martin Wainwright with a review of the week's periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is American actress Patricia Neal (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 The Gardening Quiz: Dr Stefan Buczacki quizzes two teams led by Ireme Thomas and Norman Painting with guests Vince Hill, Zandra Rhodes, Mollie Weir and Elizabeth-Jane Howard (s)
2.30 On A Plate: Play by Steve May with Anthony Jackson and Chris Chescoe (s) (r)
3.00 *Literary Walks*: Alan Sillitoe takes Christopher Somerville to parts of Nottinghamshire
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South Africa seeks to cut debts burden

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa last night announced an emergency package of measures, including increased import surcharges, to try to arrest a serious deterioration in the balance of payments and to enable the honouring of debt-repayment commitments.

Mr Barend du Plessis, the Finance Minister, told a press conference in Pretoria that the moves also included a tightening of hire-purchase conditions and exchange controls. Details of some of the measures are to be published today in an extraordinary issue of the Government's gazette.

The current surcharge of 10 per cent on a wide range of imported goods is to be replaced on Monday by a differentiated tax, running from zero to 60 per cent.

Goods to be zero-rated include agricultural imports, certain foods and manufacturing industry inputs. The surcharge on imports of capital goods will be fixed at 20 per cent.

Mr du Plessis said that Pretoria had decided to raise the import duty on fully-assembled motor cars from 100 to 110 per cent. But this will have little impact, as most cars are imported in kit form and then assembled here. However, these imports will be hit by a 3 per cent increase in the import duty on some car components.

The minister said that the tightening of HP terms – initial deposits are to be raised and repayment periods shortened – was particularly aimed at reducing sales of goods with a high import content.

Among the goods affected from today are electrical and photographic equipment and commercial vehicles. Hire-purchase terms for furniture and private motor cars are unchanged.

Curbs are also to be placed on the export of dividends and interest earned on blocked assets owned in South Africa by emigrants. Hitherto, emigrants have been able to transfer abroad the full return on such assets at the normal commercial exchange rate for the rand.

Under the new measures, such exports will be limited to 300,000 rand (approximately £75,000) a year. Any additional transfers of income would only be permissible at the much more punitive "financial rand" rate and only then with the approval of the exchange control authorities.

The latest measures follow earlier increases in bank rate to 12.5 per cent and in commercial bank prime rates to 16 per cent, which were intended to stem a credit-fuelled consumption boom that has sucked in imports. The value of imports rose by 20 per cent over the first quarter of 1988 against no more than a 4 per cent rise in exports.

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This worsening of the trade account, which was also due in part to the increasing impact of international economic sanctions, was accompanied by a further outflow of capital both inside and outside the scope of the partial moratorium on debt repayments imposed at the end of August, 1985. As a result, the current account of the balance of payments slumped from an annualized surplus of more than 6,000 million rand in the last quarter of 1987 to an annualized deficit of 400 million rand in the first quarter of this year.

● **SOWETO:** The appeal by Nelson Mandela, the jailed black nationalist leader, to the South African authorities not to prosecute eight children accused of setting his house alight will fail, a court official said here yesterday.

And baby makes three for the delighted Yorks



Sharing a joke: The Duchess of York admiring her husband's newly acquired skills in the art of fatherhood yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

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The Queen is on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The sun broke through the London clouds at lunchtime to add to the carnival atmosphere as the Duchess and her infant daughter were greeted by cheers from hundreds of wellwishers lining the street, and leaning from balconies and office windows.

Some had waited for more than four weeks for a glimpse of the latest addition to the Royal family, who emerged as a dot of pink swathed in a soft bundle of white lace and cotton.

The baby, her tiny eyes tightly closed, appeared to remain fast asleep as nearly 300 people took photographs.

The Duchess, unsteady on her feet, and wearing new low-heeled black shoes, slipped and almost fell when she crossed the road to collect a dozen pink carnations from one onlooker.

The crowd, which had endured cold winds and rain after a week of sunshine, first knew the long wait was nearing an end when more than 30 nurses, auxiliaries, kitchen staff and hospital administrators, some carrying children and babies, gathered on the pavement outside the hospital entrance in Great Portland Street.

The arrival of a dark blue Daimler Jaguar, with a blue, green and white wickerwork baby basket, lined in white with tiny blue flowers, confirmed that mother and daughter were on their way.

The first item to go into the Daimler was the Duke of York's black camera bag. The Duke has recorded the first few days of his first child and the Queen's fifth grandchild.

The couple then left the hospital together, the Duchess carrying the baby, and stood for more than a minute outside the entrance, waving happily to the crowd.

The Duchess, who was wearing a dark blue dress patterned with tiny flowers, handed the baby to the Duke, who held her with surprising expertise, before crossing the road to collect the carnations from Miss Heidi Alasio, aged 20, from Oregon.

She slipped but quickly recovered her composure as a Royal detective sprang to her aid, and after collecting the carnations she smiled and said "thank you".

The Duke placed the baby in the cot in the rear of the Daimler, where a nurse made her comfortable.

Mrs Edith Bowdridge, a widow aged 78, said her glimpse of the baby was "worth every minute" of her 27-day wait.

The Duke is due to return to his ship, HMS Edinburgh, at the end of next week.

The passengers' revolt

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Britain it was also due for routine maintenance by British Airways. Repairs were originally to have been completed on Monday, then Tuesday, and finally Wednesday. "Throughout the day we were told it would be ready at any moment", Mr Harrison said.

"At one point we arranged to sub-charter an alternative plane, but then the airline we were chartering from withdrew their offer. When the plane was finally released some of the engineers' certificates were missing, and we did miss the flight slot. We could not serve refreshments at that stage because we have on occasion missed a takeoff opportunity because trolleys were in the gangway, and then had to wait another five hours."

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Denial of baby transplant trade

US envoy hits at Russia

By Andrew Morgan

Mr Charles Price, the US Ambassador in London, yesterday claimed that a news agency report of allegations by a judge that trafficking in baby organs was taking place between Paraguay and America bore all the hallmarks of "Soviet disinformation".

Mr Price, in a letter to newspapers, said the story, put out by Reuter earlier this week, which reported a judge's allegation that babies were being killed with a view to selling their organs for transplants in the US had surfaced in Central America and had had "intermittent currency" for about 20 months.

The kidnappers were allegedly planning to take the babies to the United States under the pretence that they were going to adoptive parents.

After it appeared in Central American papers, he added, both Tass and *Pravda* had run the same story and communist newspapers, as well as non-communist ones, around the world had subsequently run it. Mr Price suggested that this showed the story was part of a misinformation exercise.

Mr Price said that the accusations of the judge, Señor Angel Campos, were "scurrilous, false and unsubstantiated". The Ambassador suggested that Señor Campos later had admitted that he had no proof of his allegations and had said that they were only "a possibility".

Mr Price insisted that, despite the often-repeated allegations, there had never been any evidence produced that such trafficking had taken place in the United States or anywhere else.

He added that, after investigations, many organizations had found the allegations had no foundation.

These organizations included: The Government of Honduras, the Government of Guatemala, the International Children Rights Monitor, based in Geneva, the United States Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr Price said that Dr Robert Corry, president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, had categorically denied that any such activity has, or could, take place in the US.

After the story appeared in British newspapers, Washington issued a formal rebuttal of the allegations, again insisting that they were the product of Soviet disinformation.

Big rise in credit card interest rate

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House repossessions were 10 times higher than in 1979.

"Many families have been tempted to seek to pay off debts by entering into consolidation loans secured on second mortgages, so the next thing to go is the family home."

Mr Smith said the economic boom was fragile and based on consumption rather than investment. The personal savings ratio had fallen to its lowest level for 30 years.

He said that while the banks and finance houses were raking in higher profits the social services and voluntary agencies were becoming "casualty clearing stations" for victims.

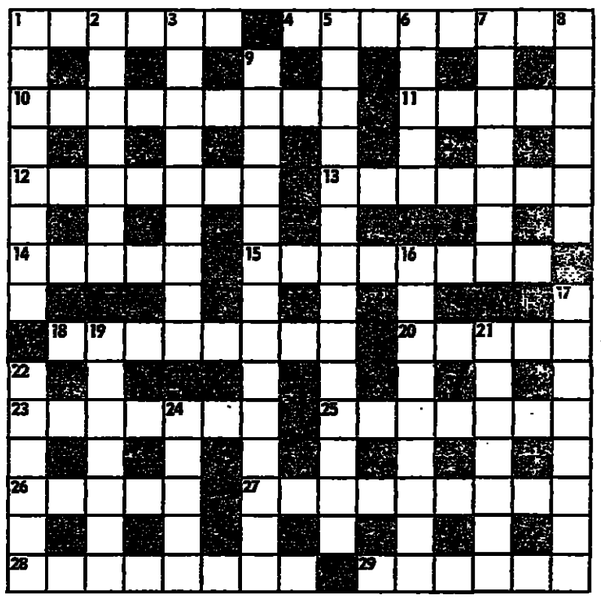
Consumers were urged to shop around for the cheapest credit card interest rates since the rises will almost certainly be followed in the next few days by other banks and financial institutions.

Mr Simon Hinde, of the Consumers' Association, said that the 40 per cent of credit card customers who paid off the outstanding amount owing each month would see no real difference since no charges were incurred.

The Consumers' Association, publisher of *Which?*, said it was not surprised that the rates had increased, given the increase in base rates.

"Banks only increase their credit card APRs infrequently but when they do change most tend to change at the same time or within a few days of each other. When we've looked at this in the past, we've said if banks do follow suit and increase APRs then the Monopolies and Mergers' Commission might want to look at this as possible evidence of lack of competition between the different cards", the association said.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,747



ACROSS

1 Spirit trains boy (6).
4 Two spirits fancy a game (3,5).
10 Protestant church suffers setback, without nonconformist leaving (9).
11 Against accepting an ecclesiastical decree (5).
12 Coach — it's broken down, out of order (7).
13 God about to write a melody (7).
14 Celebrate being included in the next Olympics (5).
15 Leave the country, settling finally in Islamic territory (8).
18 Animal finding precious water first, we hear (8).
20 A way to hold a business meeting (5).
23 In service — one who backs out of service (7).
25 Tom is on (7).
26 Exciting dance interrupted by commercial (5).
27 New-fangled bras women wear, having support across the chest (3,6).
28 All night Sussex town carries on (8).
29 Rebuffed, for instance, when interfering in country's traditions (6).

DOWN

1 They were used instead of aprons by printers in Geneva (8).
2 Firm employing Scottish architect, an industrious worker (7).
3 Understand, I can accept a pound for a drug (9).
5 Remind cabin boy to repair lighter (10,4).
6 Run over pedestrian on the way north (5).
7 Scholar with books about barbarian's criminal pursuit (7).
8 American pulled up with a jerk? (6).
9 Mouse died — girl makes a bloomer (5-4, 5).
16 Manoeuvre into anchorage for repairs that may cause delay (4,5).
17 Equine complaint causes consternation (8).
19 Avenger crashed in chase (7).
21 In the country, women start to gossip and chat (7).
22 Bay where Herbert in the end turned up (6).
24 Save a parking place (3-2).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,741

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MOPERY
a. Loitering
b. Anti-Catholicism
c. Casual dress

ROSOLIO
a. A Greek pudding
b. Bullfighter's linament
c. A Mediterranean liqueur

BOBBERY
a. Confidence trickery
b. An exclamation
c. Cutting one's hair short

MORMAL
a. Nearly normal
b. Armour for the upper arm
c. A leg sore

Answers on page 20, column 1

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A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer "Targa" Regency Stripe fountain pen with a solid 14-carat gold inlaid nib will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: E D Benoy, Welbeck Avenue, Bromley, Kent; D T Stephens, Cypress Avenue, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex; K M Salisbury, Nightingale Drive, Towcester, Northants; D Would, South Avenue, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich; P S Chapman, Osborne View Road, Hill Head, Fareham, Hants.

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WEATHER

Saturday will begin generally dry for much of Britain, apart from some showers in the far north-west. Less windy than yesterday. East and south-east warm, dry and bright and warmer than yesterday. Wales, western England and Northern Ireland will see increasing cloud and some rain later. Rain will increase further north, and much of Scotland will have rain in the evening. Outlook: unsettled in north and west, fairly bright in south-east. Generally windy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair, c=cloud; r=rain

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Ajaccio	30	86	s	Luxor	41	106	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Madrid	31	88	s
Alex'dria	30	86	f	Majorca	32	90	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Amst'dm	21	70	c	Malta	33	91	s
Athens	34	93	s	Melb'rne	15	59	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Mexico C*	21	70	r
Barbados*	30	86	f	Miami*	29	84	c
Barcelna	29	84	s	Milan	29	84	s
Belgrade	34	93	s	Montreal*	28	82	f
Berlin	25	77	f	Moscow	18	64	f
Bermuda*	31	88	s	Munich	29	84	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	Nairobi	20	68	c
Borde'x	23	73	c	Naples	33	91	s
Brussels	23	73	f	N Delhi	29	84	f
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B Aires*	15	59	f	Nice	27	81	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Oslo	20	68	c
C'blanca	24	75	f	Peking	28	82	c
Chicago*	32	90	f	Perth	17	63	f
Ch'church	4	39	r	Prague	28	82	f
Cologne	26	79	f	Reykjvik	13	55	s
C'phgn	19	66	f	Rhodes	31	88	s
Corfu	33	91	s	Rio de J	18	64	c
Dublin	17	63	f	Rome	28	82	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Salzburg	26	82	s
Faro	25	77	s	S F'risco*	16	61	c
Florence	32	90	s	Santiago*	14	57	c
Frankfurt	26	79	s	S Paulo*	13	55	c
Funchal	25	77	f	Seoul	32	90	c
Geneva	27	81	f	Sing'por	29	84	r
Gibraltar	27	81	s	St'kholm	19	66	f
Helsinki	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Hong K	27	81	c	Sydney	13	55	r
Innsbruck	24	75	c	Tangier	25	77	f
Istanbul	31	88	s	Tel aviv	29	84	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tenerife	26	79	s
Karachi	30	86	c	Toronto*	21	70	c
L Palmas	24	75	f	Tunis	37	99	s
Le Tquet	18	64	c	Valencia	29	84	s
Lisbon	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
Locarno	26	79	f	Venice	29	84	c
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wel'nton	7	45	r
Luxembg	23	73	f	Zurich	24	75	f

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.9	.05	17	63	cloudy
Bridlington	1.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Hunstanton	3.2	-	19	66	bright
Cromer	2.6	-	20	68	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.9	-	20	68	bright
Clacton	4.9	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	3.5	-	19	66	bright
Margate	5.2	.02	21	70	bright
Folkestone	6.4	.01	19	66	sunny
Hastings	6.9	-	19	66	bright
Eastbourne	7.6	-	19	66	sunny
Brighton	4.3	-	19	66	bright
Worthing	5.2	-	19	66	bright
Littlehmptn	4.4	-	19	66	bright
Bognor R	5.6	.02	18	64	bright
Southsea	5.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Shanklin	5.2	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemth	4.0	-	19	66	cloudy
Weymouth	0.8	.03	17	63	shower
Exmouth	0.7	.01	17	63	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.4	-	18	64	cloudy
Torquay	1.0	.03	18	64	cloudy
Falmouth	2.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Penzance	2.4	.02	17	63	shower
Scilly Isles	2.1	.04	16	61	dull
Newquay	1.9	.12	16	61	rain
Minehead	0.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	1.0	.22	16	61	rain
Douglas	1.2	.03	16	61	cloudy
Buxton	1.0	.05	15	59	bright
Carlisle	2.6	.06	17	63	shower
Leeds	1.1	.10	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	2.5	.02	18	64	shower
Anglesey	0.5	.01	16	61	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.2	.04	17	63	rain
Tenby	0.9	.08	17	63	rain
Aberdeen	7.3	.15	19	66	shower
Aviemore	4.2	.18	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.2	.27	15	59	shower
Kinloss	3.2	.28	17	63	shower
Lerwick	-	.13	13	55	rain
Prestwick	1.6	.05	16	61	shower
Stornoway	3.0	.24	17	63	rain
Tiree	6.3	.07	18	61	shower
Wick	0.4	.30	16	61	rain

These are Thursday's figures

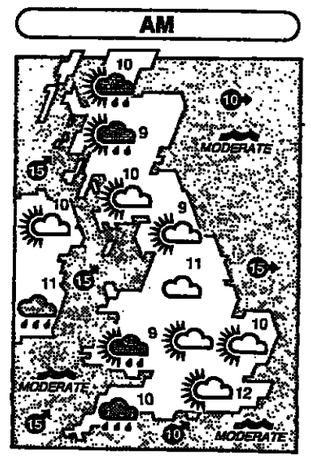
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.23	6.7	3.34	6.7	London Bridge	3.57	6.8	4.05	6.8
Aberdeen	2.28	4.0	3.04	4.0	Aberdeen	2.59	4.1	3.34	4.0
Avonmouth	8.49	12.1	9.01	12.4	Avonmouth	9.22	12.3	9.30	12.5
Belfast	12.06	3.4	12.37	3.0	Belfast	12.44	3.4	1.11	3.0
Cardiff	8.34	11.3	8.46	11.5	Cardiff	9.07	11.4	9.15	11.6
Devonport	7.25	5.0	7.36	5.3	Devonport	7.56	5.1	8.05	5.3
Dover	12.25	6.1	12.36	6.4	Dover	12.53	6.2	1.07	6.5
Falmouth	6.55	4.8	7.06	5.1	Falmouth	7.26	4.9	7.35	5.1
Glasgow	1.55	4.6	2.51	4.1	Glasgow	2.31	4.6	3.25	4.0
Harwich	1.17	3.8	1.28	3.8	Harwich	1.50	3.8	2.05	3.9
Holyhead	11.57	5.1	—	—	Holyhead	12.06	5.4	12.26	5.1
Hull	7.46	7.1	8.16	6.8	Hull	8.14	7.2	8.44	6.9
Ilfracombe	7.32	8.5	7.45	8.7	Ilfracombe	8.03	8.6	8.14	8.8
Leith	4.03	5.2	4.30	5.2	Leith	4.33	5.2	4.58	5.2
Liverpool	12.32	9.0	12.51	8.8	Liverpool	1.04	9.1	1.22	8.8
Lowestoft	10.49	2.4	11.42	2.2	Lowestoft	11.21	2.5	—	—
Margate	1.36	4.4	1.35	4.5	Margate	2.07	4.4	2.06	4.6
Milford Haven	7.46	6.5	7.59	6.7	Milford Haven	8.17	6.5	8.30	6.7
Newquay	6.36	6.5	6.49	6.7	Newquay	7.07	8.6	7.20	6.8
Oban	7.27	3.7	7.24	3.9	Oban	7.55	3.7	7.51	3.9
Penzance	6.22	5.1	6.33	5.4	Penzance	6.55	5.2	7.04	5.4
Portland	8.47	1.8	8.54	2.1	Portland	9.15	1.9	9.18	2.1
Portsmouth	12.41	4.3	1.08	4.4	Portsmouth	1.13	4.3	1.40	4.4
Shoreham	12.27	5.8	12.54	5.9	Shoreham	12.57	5.8	1.24	6.0
Southampton	12.09	4.2	12.36	4.3	Southampton	12.38	4.2	1.07	4.3
Swansea	7.56	8.7	8.09	8.9	Swansea	8.27	8.8	8.40	9.0
Tees	4.59	5.2	5.27	5.0	Tees	5.31	5.3	5.58	6.0
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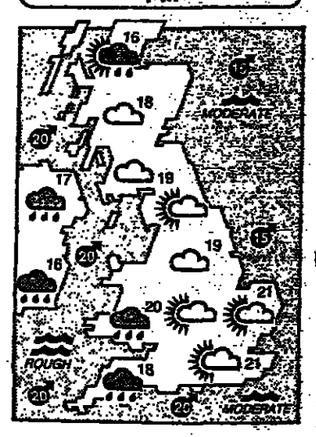
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Times are BST

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.43 am	8.27 pm		5.45 am	8.25 pm
	Moon rises: 6.28 am	Moon sets: 8.53 pm		Moon rises: 7.39 am	Moon sets: 9.03 pm
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AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am,15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 60 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010.2 millibars. Falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am,12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.34in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.4hrs.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 4pm tomorrow.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fair Isle and Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 9.7hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.57 pm to 5.15 am
Bristol 9.06 pm to 5.25 am
Edinburgh 9.24 pm to 5.12 am
Manchester 9.11 pm to 5.17 am
Penzance 9.14 pm to 5.40 am

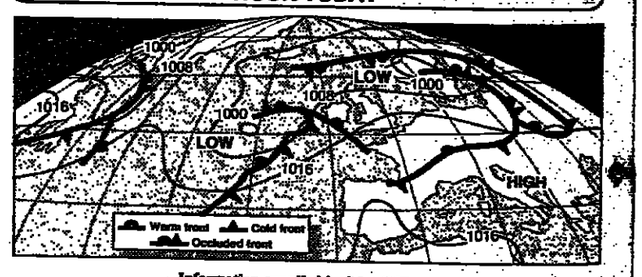
TOMORROW
London 8.55 pm to 5.16 am
Bristol 9.04 pm to 5.26 am
Edinburgh 9.21 pm to 5.14 am
Manchester 9.09 pm to 5.19 am
Penzance 9.12 pm to 5.42 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	17	63	c
B'mingham	18	64	f	Inverness	15	59	c
Blackpool	15	59	c	Jersey	18	64	c
Bristol	16	61	c	London	20	68	f
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	18	64	f
Glasgow	15	59	c	N'ridaway	15	59	c

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.10	Italy Lire	2470	2350
Austria Sch	23.55	22.35	Japan Yen	239.75	226.75
Belgium Fr	70.95	67.45	Netherlands Gld	3.765	3.575
Canada $	2.167	2.057	Norway Kr	12.17	11.57
Denmark Kr	12.74	12.14	Portugal Esc	271	257
Finland Mrk	7.95	7.55	South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
France Fr	11.30	10.75	Spain Pta	218	207
Germany Dm	3.33	3.17	Sweden Kr	11.51	10.91
Greece Dr	265	251	Switzerland Fr	2.79	2.66
Hong Kong $	13.85	13.10	USA $	1.79	1.79
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.18	Yugoslavia Dnr	5175	4325

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 108.8 (June) London: The FT Index closed up 7.2 at 1,464.8

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1484.8 (+7.2)	US dollar 1.7135 (+0.0125)
FT-SE 100 1843.4 (+8.2)	W German mark 3.2231 (–0.0054)
USM (Datastream) 169.20 (+0.37)	Trade-weighted 76.9 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

SIB bans pensions company

Priority Life and Pensions, a Sheffield company, has been prohibited by the Securities and Investments Board from carrying on investment business or disposing of assets.

The board said preliminary results of an investigation by accountants suggested that up to £60,000 owing to clients and insurance companies could not be accounted for properly. The local fraud squad had been informed.

The company has interim authorization under the Financial Services Act from Fimbra, which passed information to SIB. A spokesman for the company declined to comment last night.

Ayrshire up

Ayrshire Metal reported a sharp rise in earnings in the first half of the year. Pre-tax profits rose by 400 per cent to £1.08 million on turnover up 44 per cent to £15.05 million. Earnings per share went up from 3.3p to 13.7p. An interim dividend of 3.5p (0.5p) has been announced.

Pillar deal

Pillar Merchanting, the engineering and contractors' supplies distribution arm within RTZ Corporation, has bought Harduns (Contractors' Tools) from John Mowlem for £2 million.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2035.38 (–3.92)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 27833.51 (+48.53)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2600.93 (+5.65)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 274.5 (+3.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1623.2 (+5.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1474.6 (+9.7)
Brussels:
General ..... 4909.1 (+44.6)
Paris: CAC ..... 350.7 (–0.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 471.6 (+1.8)
London:
FT–A All-Share .... 961.69 (+4.00)
FT– "500" ..... 1052.75 (+4.79)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 189.5 (+0.6)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 97.42 (–0.03)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.17 (+0.25)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Hunter ..... 318p (+95p)
Slebe ..... 390½p (+12p)
Highgate & Job ..... 250p (+15p)
VSEL ..... 467½p (+10p)
Antofagasta ..... 313½p (+13p)
MAM ..... 345p (+10p)
Ayrshire Metal ..... 185p (+32p)
Scot & Newcastle . 357½p (+16½)
Pleasurama ..... 274½p (+18p)
S & W Berisford ..... 399½p (+16p)
Polly Peck ..... 319½p (+10p)
Rothmans 'B' ..... 434p (+15p)
Laing Prop ..... 552½p (+13p)
BPP ..... 385p (+10p)
Meyer Intnl ..... 415p (+14p)
Grainger ..... 500p (+12p)
Chemring ..... 635p (+15p)

FALLS:
Henderson Admin ..... 700p (–15p)
Wickes ..... 238p (–27p)
Int Thomson ..... 635p (–10p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛–11⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅞–10²⁵/₃₂%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.00–6.99%*
30-year bonds 96¹⁵/₃₂–96³¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7135	£: $1.7155*
£: DM3.2231	$: DM1.8805*
£: SwFr2.6962	$: SwFr1.5750*
£: FFr10.9321	$: FFr6.3855*
£: Yen228.15	$: Yen133.05*
£: Index:76.9	$: Index:99.1
ECU £0.646726	SDR £0.758296

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $428.40 pm-$433.25
close $431.50-432.00 (£251.50-252.00)
New York:
Comex $431.80-432.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) ..... pm $15.10 bbl
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Star performer was building products group Hunter (02170) which rocketed 99p on an agreed bid from Wickes (02187). Gardiner Group (05208) lost 5p on disappointing bid terms from Scantronic Holdings (01113) and Automated Security (01934). Scottish & Newcastle (01897) gained 15p on rumours of a stake in the company.
- Recent additions include: AMEC 6¼% conv pref 03412
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Hard Rock setback fails to deter Mecca's £620m offer

Pleasurama bid to go ahead

By Cliff Feltham

Mecca Leisure, the entertainments group, decided last night to press ahead with its £620 million takeover bid for Pleasurama, the casinos and holiday company, despite failing to block the acquisition of the Hard Rock Café chain at a special shareholders' meeting.

Mecca had threatened to abandon its bid if Pleasurama shareholders approved the deal but always reserved the right to change its mind. Its decision to carry on was attacked by Pleasurama.

Mr Barry Hardy, a director, said: "I am not surprised at what they have done. All the talk about Hard Rock was a ruse designed to get the deal knocked down and make us an easier target.

"They were trying to frighten the institutions into voting against the deal on the grounds that if it went through they would walk away, causing the share price to drop. I don't think it was the decent thing to do. But now the situation is a lot clearer and we can concentrate on attacking their bid for what it is, an opportunistic attempt to take over our business to help theirs to grow."

Pleasurama shares jumped 13p to 270p, compared with Mecca's opening shot worth 261p, as dealers sensed the prospects of a fierce battle and the chance of another predator joining in. Bass has been tipped as a possible bidder. Mecca shares fell 3p to 204p.

Mecca had needed at least 25 per cent of the votes to oppose the takeover of Mr Isaac Tigrett's Hard Rock and an accompanying rights issue. But it secured just over 19 per cent while the board obtained the backing of 80.8 per cent. Holders of 63 per cent of Pleasurama shares voted.

Mr Nat Solomon, the Pleasurama chairman, hailed the result as an overwhelming vote of confidence in the board's strategy and urged Mecca to withdraw its bid.

But after an afternoon board meeting, Mr Michael Guthrie, chairman of Mecca, said that despite the inclusion of Hard Rock, the company "remains convinced of the overall strong commercial logic and future benefits to be gained, under the company's management, from a combination of the Mecca and Pleasurama businesses.

"Mecca confirms its intention to proceed with its offers and hereby waives the conditions of the offers relating to the acquisition and rights issues." He said he had not been dismayed by the size of support for Pleasurama.

"There was 40 per cent abstentions out of the total shares. So I don't consider it a vote of confidence at all. We are still extremely confident our bid will succeed. We would not have gone down this road otherwise," he said.

Earlier, Mecca had quizzed Pleasurama over the Hard Rock acquisition and the rewards likely for its US chief, Mr Robert Earl. Mr Solomon denied that Mr Earl would have any equity interest in the Hard Rock deal.

Mr Earl told the meeting, attended by 200 shareholders, that Pleasurama was buying "one of the great restaurant names in the world" and said the group had received considerable interest from people wanting to operate Hard Rock franchises.



Vote of confidence: Nat Solomon, the Pleasurama chairman, hails shareholder backing for Hard Rock acquisition

Pernod buys into Irish Distillers

By Colin Campbell

Irish Distillers, under bid attack from GC&C Brands, admitted yesterday that the French drinks group Pernod-Ricard had recently been a buyer of its shares.

ID said that though it had no idea of the precise shareholding taken up by Pernod-Ricard, it welcomed Pernod as a shareholder and regarded the holding as "friendly".

It was, however, too early to suggest that the stake might lead to other things, Irish Distillers added.

Earlier this week, GC&C Brands – the consortium bidder made up of Guinness, Allied-Lyons and Grand Metropolitan – was granted a one-week extension to the original timetable for its cash Ir315p (262.5p) a share bid, and now has until next Friday to decide whether to raise its offer. The last day of its offer has also been extended by one week to September 2.

Meanwhile, GC&C Brands' talks continue with the European Commission, which earlier ruled that the bid had to be modified if European Community rules were not to be broken.

Should GC&C Brands decide to back away from its controversial bid for Irish Distillers, then the 20.1 per cent shareholding in Irish Distillers which has been committed to the bid party by FII Fyffes again becomes an important card.

The 20.1 per cent stake would prove a useful platform for a fresh bid by a new party. Irish Distillers is thus anxious – should GC&C Brands back away and should the FII stake still be up for sale – that such a strategic 20.1 per cent interest goes into what it would regard as friendly hands.

Shield Group's £31m approach could throw Elstree a lifeline

By Martin Waller

Elstree Studios, the home of the British film industry, may have found a last-minute saviour.

Shield Group, the north-London property group, said it wants to buy the 29-acre site in Hertfordshire in conjunction with the Holly Corporation, a private developer, for £31 million. It was bought from Cannon by a consortium earlier this summer.

The joint venture project would develop two-thirds of the site, while retaining the original studio.

However, Tranwood-Earl, the mini-merchant bank fronting the consortium of unnamed property developers, said yesterday that no special significance should be attached to the Shield Group announcement.

Mr Peter Linthwaite, a director of the consortium said: "We have had a number of approaches from a number of people. Nothing is about to be signed with any of them."

Under the Shield proposal, Samuelson Group, the film company, which itself tried to buy the studio two years ago, would run the studio.

Among the first to welcome the deal was Sir Richard Attenborough, the film director.

"The developers would make sufficient money from their development to allow the area covered by the stages and post-production facilities to continue to run," he said from France, where he is on holiday.

"The fact that Samuelson are prepared to shoulder this responsibility with, I imagine, some fairly convincing backing from people in the film industry, I think is tremendous."

Mr Norman Mazure, chairman of Shield Group, stressed the deal was in its early stages.

"The object would be probably an office at the front, the operational part of the studios in the middle and at the rear residential development, possibly some offices and possibly a supermarket."

The deal hinges on three requirements – planning permission from the local council; the venture needs to make enough to fund refurbishment and run the studios as a going concern; and the blessing and possible guarantee of future work from the film industry.

A meeting is expected on Monday of film industry moguls. It is believed that some of the biggest names, including Sir Richard, Mr David Puttnam, the producer, and Mr Steven Spielberg and Mr George Lucas, the American film-makers, will pledge to bring productions to Elstree.

Mr Peter Earl, the Tranwood managing director, was in Italy and unavailable for comment last night.

The catalyst for the latest deal is Mr Mallory Clifford, chairman of the Holly Group, who has contacts in the film industry.



Backing sought: Sir Richard, left, and David Puttnam

Ansbacher calls off SW Moody talks

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, has broken off negotiations to merge its insurance operations with SW Moody Holdings, an unquoted insurance broker with whom it began talks more than two months ago.

The failure of the negotiations stemmed from Moody's refusal to allow Ansbacher more than 30 per cent of the voting rights in the company. The terms of the deal would have given the bank 40 per cent of Moody's shares.

Mr Richard Fenhalls, Ansbacher's chief executive, said that the bank had insisted on effective control of Moody which 40 per cent of the voting rights would have implied.

He added that both sides had been aware of the problem from the start of the negotiations but had thought that a solution was possible. In the end, however, they could not agree.

Mr Fenhalls estimated that the talks cost the bank about £60,000. This follows costs of some £250,000 in aborted acquisitions during the first half of the year. The merger with Moody would have doubled the size of Ansbacher's insurance broking operations. The bank's existing insurance interests, Seascope Insurance and 75 per cent of Adams & Porter, made a net loss of £14,000 for the half year to June 30.

The result, however, incuded a £300,000 profit in the second quarter which substantially made up for a loss in the first quarter.

Mr Fenhalls said that there were signs of an improvement in the insurance market which should greatly help the performance of Ansbacher's insurance broking companies in the second half of the year. He added that the group would continue to look for insurance acquisitions.

The deal had run into repeated problems and the two companies had originally expected to have completed it by June. The merger was meant to have been the prelude to a full stock market listing next year for Moody, a fast-growing broker.

Fears over US trade figures hit the dollar

By Our Economics Editor

Anxiety about US trade figures, due on Tuesday, combined with profit-taking to maintain downward pressure on the dollar.

It closed in London 1.70 pfennigs below its previous close at DM1.8810 and down 0.7 yen at Y133.15.

Sterling rose against the dollar, finishing 1.25 cents up at $1.7135. It fell 0.54 pfennigs against the mark to close at DM3.2231.

Mr Kevin Gardiner, of Warburg Securities, said "Gilts and equities have been resilient in spite of the weakness in US markets. The Bank of England *Quarterly Bulletin* has been interpreted fairly favourably from the point of view of British inflation."

Maxwell offers $2.3bn for Macmillan Inc

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher has launched a $2.35 billion (£1.37 billion) takeover bid for the US publishing house Macmillan Inc. The tender offer of $80 per share tops a rival bid from Mr Robert Bass, the Texan corporate raider, which has been firmly rejected as inadequate.

Mr Maxwell gave notice last month of his intention to bid for Macmillan, which now has no connection with the British publishing group of the same name. Vehicle for the takeover is Mr Maxwell's quoted group, Maxwell Communication Corporation. Finance has been arranged via two lines of credit from Samuel Montagu and Credit Lyonnais.

If successful, the merger would create a publishing empire which ranks among the top four in the US.

Macmillan, one of the last big independent publishing houses in the US, has an excellent record of 15 per cent per annum earnings growth over the past 8 years.

Wereldhave defends 'fair' bid for Peachey

By Our City Staff

Wereldhave, the Netherlands investment group, yesterday defended its £265 million offer for the Peachey Property Corporation, even though shareholders are continuing to reject the bid.

Wereldhave disclosed that its 612p a share cash offer has so far received support from just 0.67 per cent of Peachey shareholders. Wereldhave already owns 10.42 per cent.

Mr Onno Husken, the chairman of Wereldhave, said: "We are disappointed by the response but still believe our offer is fair and generous. We think it gives Peachey shareholders a chance to cash in while property shares are still high."

Peachey urged its shareholders to continue to reject what it described as an "inadequate bid which fails to offer net asset value, let alone an appropriate premium to reflect the quality of Peachey's portfolio and its excellent prospects." Its shares were 2p firmer at 621p.

Shareholder seeks election to the board

Investor costs Gas £700,000

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas has been forced to spend £700,000 on telling its 2.9 million shareholders that one of their number has put himself forward for election to the company's board.

Letters were sent to shareholders last night, telling them that Mr Noel Falconer, who describes himself as a self-employed engineer and novelist, has submitted a formal nomination seeking election to the board.

Mr Falconer, from Hazel Grove, Stockport, who is on holiday in Aude, France, has been a consistent thorn in corporate sides. He led the small shareholders' opposition to the takeover of Rover Group by British Aerospace.

Last year, British Gas had to spend a similar amount to tell shareholders that Sir Ian MacGregor, the former head of British Coal, had been nominated to the board by a group of large industrial gas users who wanted a voice.

Sir Ian's nomination was rejected at the annual meeting but his nomination, in line with that submitted by Mr Falconer, had arrived too late for inclusion in the annual report and accounts and notice of meeting, which has already been printed and sent to shareholders.

The British Gas annual meeting on Thursday is expected to reject Mr Falconer's nomination and adopt a resolution which would allow British Gas to amend its articles of association so that such resolutions would have to be in time for inclusion in the annual report and account documents.

British Gas would not comment on the issue, but there is ill-concealed fury among its senior management that one individual's actions could cost the company so much money.

It said in its letter that Mr Falconer first approached it on April 14 about his wish to be appointed to the board, maintaining that he would be able to represent the views of small shareholders in ways that the existing board could not. However, his formal nomination was not submitted until Wednesday.

The letter says: "Until receipt of that notice we could not produce this letter, of which nearly 3 million copies have had to be printed, and send it to you."

It adds that the board feels it already has the expertise to represent the views of all categories of shareholders. "Your board, therefore, believes that an additional director with a particular interest to promote would be inappropriate."

Mr Falconer told *The Times* from France: "It is now well nigh certain that British Gas will spend most of £1 million informing its shareholders of this and that I shall be blamed for this undoubted waste.

"In fact I have offered to withdraw my candidature this year if it can be set before the shareholders in 1989, without cost in the annual report and accounts. Because of the terms of the articles that British Gas agreed this is possible in only one way. I must be co-opted to the board after this annual meeting.

"It is only the pride of the board which prevents this, its insistence on a right it does not own, that it alone should put board candidates before the voters. This, and not my initiative, is what is costing a fortune.

"I wanted to become a British Gas director because I believed that a company with 3 million small shareholders should have one on the board. I will strengthen and not disrupt a board I generally admire."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Firms combine to bid for Gardiner holding

An offer to buy 40 per cent of Gardiner Group at 50p a share has been made by Automated Security (Holdings) and Scantronic Holdings. The deal effectively knits together a manufacturer and a distributor of electronic surveillance equipment, and should open fresh marketing opportunities for all parties. The offer values the company at £20 million. Gardiner Group came to the Unlisted Securities Market in February, after a placing at 30p, and in its interim report for the six months to end-April reported pre-tax profits of £774,000 on a half-time turnover of £8.8 million. This compares with £570,000 for the same period last year.

Mr Geoffrey Gardiner, who with family interests holds 67.5 per cent of the group, has undertaken to accept on behalf of 27 per cent of his holding, and to tender for acceptance up to 34.25 per cent. After the deal, Automated Security and Scantronic Holdings will each hold a 20 per cent stake in Gardiner. Shares in Gardiner eased by 5p to close at 51p yesterday.

£3.3m deal for Rentokil

Rentokil, the pest control group, has boosted its presence in plant supply and interior landscaping by acquiring a leading Australian tropical plant specialist. Rentokil is paying Aus$7 million (£3.3 million) cash for the Sydney-based Green Fingers Garden Centre and its subsidiary, the Perfumed Garden. In the past three years, Green Fingers has increased its turnover by 50 per cent to Aus$4.5 million, and doubled its pretax profits to Aus$1.2 million.

Harris team strengthened

Mr James Gulliver has brought in a former colleague at Argyll Group to help run the Harris Queensway Group. Mr Bryan Portman, aged 39, who first joined Mr Gulliver 10 years ago, becomes director of corporate finance. Mr Portman has also worked at Courtaulds and Coopers & Lybrand and more recently the TSB Group. He will work alongside Mr Eddie Dyan, the managing director, who was recruited from the Dixons Group.

Rejig costs hit Bullers

Bullers, the fine arts and giftware manufacturer, moved further into the red in the first half of this year. Pre-tax losses went up from £172 million to £237 million, mainly due to rationalization costs of £324 million. The company hopes these will result in significant cost savings in the second half of the year.

Operating profits were £110 million against a loss of £195 million last year. Fine arts achieved an operating profit of £237 million compared with a £62 million loss previously following senior management changes at the company's Ingram Fine Arts division. The company hopes to lift profits to more than £500,000 soon. Interim dividend stays at 0.5p.

Wace Group buys Alpress

Wace Group, the pre-press services and printing company, has bought Alpress Holdings, a maker of coloured self-adhesive labels, for £508,000 in cash and shares. Alpress lost £23,000 in the year to end-April before tax but after one-off reorganization costs. The consideration can fall if Alpress does not make £75,000 this financial year. Wace is paying £250,000 in cash with the balance in 79,000 new shares, to be held by the vendors for two years.

Young clears acquisitions

Alexon Group's proposed purchase of Ellis & Goldstein and Tate & Lyle's acquisition of Staley Continental will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday. General Electric Company's 35 per cent shareholding in the National Nuclear Corporation has also been given clearance by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

STOCK MARKET

Scottish & Newcastle hits record

Almost £55 million was added to the £1.12 billion stock market value of Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing to Thistle Hotel group, yesterday as recent bid speculation continued to intensify.

The price surged by 17p to a record of 358p as almost 5 million shares changed hands. This week, several large lines of stock were snapped up in the market at about the 330p level. Brokers are convinced that the mystery buyer was the Australian brewer, Mr John Elliott, who through his own company, Elders IXL, recently increased his holding in Scottish to 9.3 per cent.

It is estimated that Elders, which paid Hanson £1.4 billion for the Courage brewery group a few years ago, has now lifted its holding in Scottish to almost 10 per cent of the issued share capital.

S&N has been the subject of intense speculation in recent years and this latest flurry of activity in the share price will only add to the anxieties of Mr Alick Rankin, the group's chief executive. Analysts calculate that a bid for Scottish would cost £1.6 billion but say that at least half the money could be recouped by selling off the Thistle Hotel chain.

The rest of the equity market managed to recover some of its poise as the account drew to a close after a week which has seen sentiment dominated by rising interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. It was helped by better performances overnight in both New York and Tokyo.

But investors appeared reluctant to open new positions ahead of the long three-week account starting on Monday. A total of 497.5 million alpha and beta shares had been on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system by the close of business. The FT-SE 100 index finished 8.2 higher at 1,843.4 – a loss on the account of 5.9. The narrower FT index of 30 shares rose by 7.2 to 1,484.8.

Government securities spent a better day, sporting gains of £½ at the longer end.

Once again it was left up to the special situations to make all the running with Pleasurama advancing by 18p to 275p after receiving shareholders' approval for the Hard Rock Café bid. Hard Rock firmed by 4p to 127p and the "A" by 7p to 93p. Mecca says it will continue the battle for Pleasurama and slipped 3p to 204p.

Further bid speculation lifted Sears, the Selfridges and Saxone stores and William Hill betting office group, by another 3p to equal its high of 142p as more than 11 million shares changed hands. The shares reversed an earlier 3p fall in after hours' trading on Thursday after one broker started bidding 142p for stock. This was in spite of a big profit downgrading during the day by Mr Andy Hughes, a research analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker.

He cut his forecast from £260 million to £252.5 million after telephoning the company on Wednesday. He fears that the first-half performance of the group may have fallen short of expectations and gives a warning that its recent acquisition, Freemans, the mail order retailer, is likely to turn in a lower contribution than it would have done last year.

Several large lines of stock came on offer in the wake of the Hoare downgrading – but at least one of them was quickly snapped up with one rival broker apparently more than ready to pay above the current market price.

Last week, Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, the Egyptian financier, picked up a further 3 million Sears shares, taking his total holding to 10.3 per cent. But it is unlikely that he was behind Thursday's buying.

The relationship between the City and Mr Tony Berry's Blue Arrow, the world's biggest employment agency, is going from bad to worse with the share price falling by a further 4p to a low of 87p – making a two-day loss of 6p. This follows a big downgrading of profits – highlighted in *The Times* yesterday – by the company's own broker, Phillips & Drew. The City has been bracing itself for some time for such a move after the recent interim figures fell short of expectations.

Most brokers had originally been looking for £120 million following the acquisition of Manpower, the US employment agency, last year. But this figure was reduced to £100 million ahead of the interim figures.

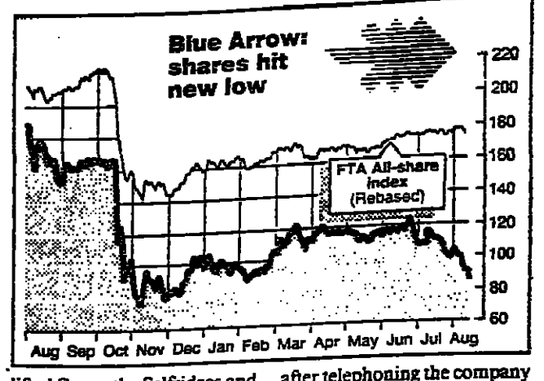
Mr Mark Shepperd, an analyst at P&D, has now cut his estimate to just £80 million compared with last year's £29 million. He blames the weaker dollar and higher development and rationalization costs for the shortfall.

But he believes that Mr Berry also has other problems to contend with. Permanent placing activities are developing more slowly than was originally thought and higher interest charges are also taking their toll.

Fund managers who decided to support Blue Arrow's £831 million rights issue to help finance the Manpower acquisition are now sitting on some hefty losses. They point out that Blue Arrow paid £768 million for Manpower, but, with its share price touching 83p at one stage yesterday, the entire group is now only worth £616 million.

The weakness in the Blue Arrow share price hinges on a near 10 per cent stake held in the company by County NatWest WoodMac, one of its financial advisers, which was forced to take up the rump of the rights following the stock market crash. County recently gave an assurance not to dispose of the holding but dealers now claim that Blue Arrow is vulnerable to a bid.

Michael Clark



Talk of a downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker, saw Wellcome fall 7p to 508p. But Hoare sticks by its profits forecast of £205 million, (against £169.1 million) although Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, has not been as exciting as at first thought. Long-term potential for Retrovir remains intact.

Next rose 4p to 233p as SBCI Savory Milln, the broker, took fund managers to its latest store in Oxford Street. The broker has downgraded its forecast to £125 million, but remains a buyer. It reckons Next is moving from niche retailing to becoming more of a mass market player.

COMPANY BRIEFS

NEW GUERNSEY SEC (int) Net asset value 25 (82.8)p
Pre-tax: £13.05(£5.43)m
EPS: 5 (2)p
Div: nil
As company profits increase industrialists are optimistic about future profits.

ALLIANCE TRUST (int)
Pre-tax: £12.02m
NAV: £10.92 (£10.21)
Div: 8.75 (8)p.
Pre-tax 1987 £11.75m
Approximately one-third of cash reserves held throughout 1987 have been reinvested.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Acal (135p)	152
BMSS (118p)	123
Bucknall Aust (110p)	123
Builder Gp (125p)	170
Caldwell Inv	51
Christie Grp (145p)	173 +5
City Gate	309
Coletax Fowler (125p)	145
Colroy (150p)	156
Conroy Pet	52 –1
Dukeminster	81 –1
Eng O'seas Prop (155p)	136
Erostn Group (165p)	168
European Colour	29½ +½
Heritage (95p)	183 –2
Herring Son (150p)	150
Hildare (60p)	83 +2
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (115p)	160
Nat Telecom	146 +1
Optim Gp (60p)	61
Palmerston Hldgs	240
Rockfort	128
Saunderson Elec (130p)	156
Savills (125p)	128
Sherpoint	£18¾ –⅛
Severfield-R (80p)	94
Sonic Tape (15p)	14½ +½
Steetley	329
Tams (John) (80p)	88
Thorntons (125p)	133 +1
RIGHTS ISSUES	
Brunning Gp N/P	6 –2
Campbell Arm N/P	14 +2
Durham (DG) N/P	14
Energy Cap N/P	2½ +½
Goodman N/P	3 –1
NMC N/P	¾ –¼
Pennine 'A' N/P	2¾ +¼
Owners Abroad N/P	22 –2
Sindall (W) N/P	11 –2

NESL rescue under threat

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A possible joint bid that might have rescued North East Shipbuilders, the beleaguered British Shipbuilders subsidiary on Wearside, has all but foundered.

The two entrepreneurs involved – inventor Mr Alex Copson who wants to build deep-sea waste dumping ships, and Mr Peter Zacchi, a Dane – are now preparing separate plans for the Wearside yards.

At the same time BS is considering two bids for one of its smallest but successful yards at Appledore, Devon, from Mr Peter de Savary's Highland Participants and Langham Industries.

Appledore's sister yard, the Ferguson facility at Port Glasgow, has attracted two more bidders in addition to Perth Industries. One is Mr Ross Belch, former managing director of Scott and Lithgow and the third has not been identified.

For NESL the chance of one or the other of the potential bids succeeding separately is rated much weaker as the deadline over the two yards draws closer. The Government wants BS to find a buyer for NESL by the end of September or the yards will be closed down.

Lay-offs have already begun at NESL as work is continuing only on a ferries order which itself is in legal dispute.

The only hope for NESL appears to be the two entrepreneurs. They had held talks on a possible joint approach, Mr Copson confirmed. But it was not clear that Mr Zacchi's PZ Group would be able to bring in Manbisa, the Cuban shipping company, which had expressed an interest in ordering 10 vessels from NESL. Nor had PZ disclosed the names of associates in a consortium which Mr Zacchi had said was a potential bidder.

Mr Copson said: "We will proceed independently. But if Mr Zacchi could deliver the Cubans and the consortium we could look again at a possible joint approach."

Time, not financing, is the problem for his solution, says Mr Copson. He is trying to persuade the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries to issue licences for four ships which would be built at Wearside to drop waste in special containers in the deeps. These would be produced initially at a rate of about one a year, using one of the Wearside yards.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	3,298	CU	2,558	Laporte	187	Saatchi	689
Abbey	3,847	Cons Gold	314	L&G	946	Sainsbury	1,298
Alld-Lyons	2,235	Cookson	484	Lloyds	1,189	Scot & N	4,749
Amstrad	1,221	Courtaulds	398	Lonrho	624	Sears	11,947
ASDA	1,315	Dalgety	1,673	Lucas	392	Sedgwick	1,357
AB Foods	594	Dee	2,474	Magnet	2,039	Shell	1,237
Argyll	1,277	Dixons	1,139	M&S	5,183	Siebe	282
BAA	1,390	ECC	461	Maxwell Cm	109	Slough	523
BET	2,421	Enterprise	563	MEPC	276	Smith & N	1,575
BTR	4,480	Ferrants	2,608	Metal Box	735	Smith WH	786
BAT	1,188	Fisons	882	Midland	674	Smiths Ind	599
Barclays	1,174	FKI Babck	2,897	NatWest	858	STC	897
Bass	1,441	Gen Acc	148	Next	841	Stan Chart	494
Beecham	6,688	GEC	3,306	Nth Food	509	Storehse	5,592
Beazer	2,951	Glaxo	758	P&O	604	Sun Allince	71
Berisfd SW	378	Globe Inv	92	Pearl	241	T & N	225
BICC	283	Glynwed	322	Pearson	185	Tarmac	1,701
Blue Arr	19,240	Granada	577	Pilkington	5,529	Tate & Lyle	110
Blue Circle	216	Grand Met	2,039	Plessey	769	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	502	GUS 'A'	74	Polly Peck	2,673	TSB	4,001
Boots	5,568	GRE	295	Prudential	1,295	Tesco	902
BPB	1,444	GKN	874	Racal	12,163	Thorn EMI	1,294
Br Aero	1,505	Guinness	1,047	Rk Hovis	1,099	Trafalgar	210
Br Airways	3,864	Hamm 'A'	72	Rank	116	THF	4,415
Br Comm	1,334	Hanson	7,766	R&C	179	Ultramar	3,948
Br Gas	6,239	H & C	166	Redland	893	Unigate	536
Br Land	515	Hawker	69	Read	1,419	Unilever	413
Br Petrol	60	Hillsdown	263	Reuters	1,400	United Bis	797
Br Telecm	9,018	IMI	767	RMC Gp	82	Utd News	347
Bunzl	165	ICI	1,246	RTZ	815	Wellcome	2,517
Burmah	1,163	Inchcape	861	R-Royce	1,864	Whitbrd	925
Burton	1,445	Jaguar	822	Rothmn 'B'	835	Wiliams	437
C&W	2,838	Lasmo	1,913	Rowntree	11	Wills Fab	1,194
Cadbury	2,200	Ladbroke	919	Royal Bank	264	Wimpey G	1,203
Coats	1,073	Land Sec	346	Royal Ins	2,381	Woolworth	388

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 21

Call options were taken out on: 12/8/88 Bassett, Dee Corp, Blue Arrow, Pleasurama, Norton, Standard Chartered, ET Sutherland, Mrs Fields, Amber Day, Chloride, ASDA-MFI, Ossory Estates, PWS, Blacks Leisure, Acorn Securities, Lloyds Bank, Bejam, Bio-Isolates.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyon... (*423)	390	45	59	80	5	10	13
	420	23	33	43	14	22	26
	460	7	15	24	42	45	48
Bass... (*775)	750	50	82	73	12	25	30
	800	20	33	45	35	52	52
	850	7	16	–	82	90	–
Brit Air... (*160)	140	21	24	26	2	4½	7
	160	9	13	15	9	14	17
	180	1¼	4½	–	25	28	–
Brit Com... (*243)	220	32	33	40	4	7	9
	240	15	22	27	13	15	17
	260	6	11	16	25	28	30
Brit Gas... (*185)	160	29	34	35	½	1½	3
	180	11¼	17	19	3¾	5¾	8
	200	2½	7	9	15	17	19
BP... (*259)	240	20	28	31	4	6¾	11
	260	8	16½	18½	11¾	15	22
	280	2¼	7½	10¾	28	29	35
Cons Gold... (*988)	950	90	120	150	42	52	60
	1000	57	90	125	70	85	95
	1100	27	55	75	145	155	165
Courtauld... (*344)	300	52	–	–	1	–	–
	330	28	37	48	11	15	20
	360	12	22	32	28	32	35
	390	5	10	–	50	55	–
Com Union... (*389)	360	24	34	42	15	22	26
	390	9	22	28	36	39	44
	420	4	12	–	62	63	–
C & W... (*387)	300	97	103	–	1	3	–
	330	66	77	85	2	5	9
	360	39	52	60	6	10	15
	390	20	31	40	16	20	25
GEC... (*161)	140	24	30	35	1	2¾	4
	160	8	14	18	4½	7½	10
	180	2	6	9	20	20	22
GKN... (*328)	300	38	38	44	5	9	16
	330	11	18	27	18	23	30
	360	3	8	14	42	46	48
Grand Met... (*510)	420	92	–	–	1	–	–
	460	57	70	75	5	9	14
	500	27	42	50	16	22	28
	550	9	20	27	48	50	55
ICI... (*1032)	900	132	155	–	4	11	–
	950	84	110	–	12	21	–
	1000	50	77	–	38	40	–
	1100	13	35	–	100	103	–
Jaguar... (*277)	240	25	50	–	2	6	–
	260	25	33	45	6¾	12	15
	280	13	24	32	16	21	24
	300	6	14	23	28	33	37
Land Sec... (*578)	500	90	100	112	3	7	12
	550	47	60	73	9	20	25
	600	18	32	38	39	40	45
M & S... (*168)	160	15	19	22	3	4	7
	180	3	7	9	14	17	19
	200	1½	2½	–	33	36	–
R-Royce... (*139)	130	14	17½	21	3	6	7½
	140	7	12	15	7½	10½	13
	160	2	5	7¼	24	24	26
STC... (*289)	260	28	42	49	3	8	12
	280	17	29	30	10	16	21
	300	7	20	25	23	28	31
Sainsbury... (*216)	200	23	29	34	2	4	5
	220	8	16	22	10	12	14
	240	2	7	–	28	27	–
Shell... (*1027)	980	90	–	–	14	–	–
	1050	55	–	–	28	–	–
	1100	11	36	62	82	–	–
Storehse... (*239)	240	15	29	35	1	20	22
	260	9	17	26	25	30	33
	280	5	11	–	43	45	–
Trafalgar... (*314)	280	42	47	52	3	7	9
	300	27	32	38	7	14	16
	330	10	16	22	27	30	33
TSB... (*109)	90	20	21	–	1	1½	–
	100	10	14	–	1½	3¼	–
	110	3¾	7	8¾	6	7	8¾
Ultramar... (*284)	280	21	33	42	17	24	32
	300	11½	24	32	29	35	43
	330	6	14	–	53	56	–
Woolworth... (*278)	260	25	32	38	3	6	8
	280	11	18	24	11	13	14
	300	4	9	14	26	27	27

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Amstrad... (*222)	200	28	36	42	3¾	6	9
	220	12	20	26	9	12	14
	240	4¾	12	17	20	23	24
Barclays... (*403)	360	50	62	–	1½	6	–
	396	19	28	–	14	19	–
	420	3	14	–	36	40	–
Beecham... (*479)	460	69	78	88	½	4¾	7¾
	460	34	46	60	6	14	19
	500	10	23	38	25	35	40
Boots... (*232)	200	34	40	46	1¼	3½	6
	220	16	22	32	5	9	11
	240	7	12	22	14	17	21
BTR... (*286)	280	31	36	43	2	4¾	7
	280	16	21	30	7¾	11	15
	300	6	12	19	21	25	28
Blue Circ... (*459)	390	75	82	97	2	9	10
	420	47	60	75	9	12	18
	460	18	36	52	32	36	38
	500	6	19	33	50	55	58
Dixons... (*178)	160	18	25	31	1¼	4	6
	180	7	12	20	9½	12	15
	200	2	6	11	27	28	30

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Glaxo... (*951)	900	77	93	120	12	32	40
	950	42	62	92	30	55	60
	1000	20	42	67	60	82	90
	1100	4	16	–	155	157	–
Hanson... (*138)	120	20½	23½	–	½	1	–
	130	10¾	15½	17	1¼	3¾	4½
	140	4½	8½	10½	4½	6	9¼
	160	½	2	4	22	23½	24
Hawker... (*514)	460	68	77	90	3	6	10
	500	35	48	60	9	17	23
	550	10	20	35	38	45	48
Hillsdown... (*286)	260	33	39	46	2	5	7
	280	18	29	30	7	10	14
	300	4½	11	18	18	25	26
Lonhro... (*237)	223	14	21½	–	14	6	–
	240	5	12	17	12	15	19
	260	1½	5½	8	31	33	36
Midland... (*423)	390	43	55	–	3	6	–
	420	20	33	43	10	15	23
	460	4	11	18	38	40	47
Sears... (*143)	110	35	36	40	1	1	2
	120	25	28	32	1	3	4
	130	17	21	25	3	5½	7½
Tesco... (*147)	140	10	17	21	2¾	4	5
	160	2	6	9	14	15	17
	180	1	2	4	34	36	36
Thorn EMI... (*863)	550	125	135	–	1	2	–
	600	75	85	97	2	8	12
	650	27	52	65	12	20	28
	700	6	23	35	45	47	50
THF... (*259)	220	39	46	48	1	2¾	5
	240	22	30	34	4	7	11
	260	9½	16	22	12	16	20
Unilever... (*458)	420	48	58	–	2½	7	–
	460	19	29	41	14	21	28
	500	5	13	24	43	45	50
Wellcome... (*508)	500	28	47	64	16	28	30
	550	8	24	40	48	53	58
	600	1½	11	22	95	93	95

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA... (*275)	265	24	–	–	6½	–	–
	280	14	22	28	14	17	19
	300	6	13	19	27	29	30
Brit Aero... (*499)	420	85	100	–	5	8	–
	460	53	70	78	12	20	25
	500	27	48	57	28	38	43
	550	10	25	35	65	70	75
BAT Ind... (*426)	390	45	57	65	4	7	11
	420	26	38	45	18	22	28
	460	10	19	26	43	45	50
	500	3	–	78	–	–	–
Brit Tele... (*240)	220	31	34	37	4	7	8
	240	13	19	26	8	13	14
	260	5	11	16	22	25	25
Cadbury... (*375)	330	57	68	–	1	6	9
	360	37	48	55	6	20	23
	390	20	30	38	30	35	37
	420	11	20	27	52	56	57
Guinness... (*325)	280	50	60	–	3	5	–
	300	35	45	50	8	12	16
	330	16	28	33	20	25	30
	360	5	15	20	43	45	48
Ladbroke... (*449)	390	57	77	–	3	5	–
	420	43	55	60	9	13	16
	460	18	32	36	58	62	63
LASMO... (*437)	390	68	83	–	6	14	–
	420	40	60	73	15	23	35
	460	16	40	49	38	45	55
	500	8½	23	–	67	68	–
Plessey... (*161)	180	48	58	–	2	4	–
	200	28	38	37	4	9	11
	220	14	21	27	12	18	22
	240	6	10	15	28	33	36
	260	2	5	8	51	–	–
P & O... (*580)	500	87	108	–	5	8	–
	550	43	62	72	17	24	32
	600	21	37	45	44	50	60
Prudential... (*180)	160	9	13	15	9	9	11
	170	2	5	7	14	–	–
Racal... (*325)	300	41	49	58	8	12	15
	330	23	33	39	19	24	28
	360	13	21	27	46	43	45
RTZ... (*428)	360	68	97	–	4	8	–
	390	37	72	88	7	13	20
	420	37	52	62	19	28	36
	460	18	31	41	45	53	60
Vnet Reute... (*574)	70	10	12	14	3¾	6	7
	80	4½	7	9	9	13	14
	90	2	4	–	19	22	–
Tr 12% 1995 (*108)	110	1⅞	2⅞	3⅝	1¼	2¼	2¾
	112	1⅛	2⅛	3⅛	1⅝	2⅝	3⅛
	114	1⅛	2⅛	3⅛	2⅛	3⅛	3¾
	116	1⅛	2⅛	3⅛	2⅝	3⅝	3¾

FT-SE INDEX (*1842)

Series	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1700	142	147	160	158	3	8	14	20
1750	96	103	108	120	6	15	22	32
1800	48	62	73	87	13	27	33	48
1850	16	35	47	60	33	58	55	68
1900	5	16	27	38	75	83	90	96
1950	2	8	14	24	122	123	127	133
2000	½	4	8	14	172	170	172	175

August 12, 1988 Total: 31287 Calls 23883 Puts 7284
*Underlying security price.
FT-SE: Calls 859 Puts 2923

TOKYO

Currency fears hold back share advances

(Reuter) – Share prices closed slightly higher, but failed to hold on to morning peaks, as investors took a wait-and-see attitude before Tuesday's US June trade figures, brokers said.

"People are waiting to see if the dollar steadies out here or not. The market is very sensitive to the foreign exchange market," said an analyst at Merrill Lynch Japan.

The Nikkei index firmed 48.53 points, or 0.17 per cent, to 27,833.51, after gaining 230.11 points on Thursday. Trade was lacklustre at 500 million shares against 600 million. Rises slightly outpaced falls by about six to five.

The index rallied to a morning high of 27,956.98, but spiralled downwards to close near a low.

A slightly firmer dollar unsettled some investors who are keeping a close eye on currency levels as indicators of interest rate direction.

"Whether or not Japan raises its discount rate depends on the yen/dollar level. The next sign people are waiting for is the US trade data," a broker said.

Higher rates are feared because they could cause investors to take money out of equities and move it into fixed interest deposits.

● **Hong Kong** – Shares closed steady on light bargain-hunting by overseas fund managers with trading overshadowed by speculation of an imminent increase in local interest rates, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index finished 5.65 points higher at 2,600.93 and the broader based Hong Kong index was up 3.77 to 1,716.75. Turnover slipped to HK$524.3 million (£39 million) from HK$763.3 million.

● **Sydney** – The Australian share market closed higher for the first time in two days, but profit-taking and nervousness over Wall Street dragged prices from their highs.

Brokers said the market moved up on early buying, which was spurred on by firmer markets overseas and a slight recovery in gold prices. But investors remained cautious and turnover was light.

By the close, the All-Ordinaries index was up 6.4 points at 1,623.2, off earlier highs of 1,626.5.

NEW YORK

Dow declines 11 points on bond market drop

(Reuter) – Prices steadied at lower levels in early trading yesterday after falling in line with the bond market on a higher-than-expected "core inflation" rate in the US producer price index report, brokers said. They noted that shares steadied as the bond market began to recover.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 11 points at 2,028.30 and declining issues outnumbered rising ones by more than two to one. Trading was thin. Mr Lawrence Madden, a trader at SG Warburg, said that an expected 10 per cent bond rate caused some early selling.

● **Frankfurt** – The DAX 30-share index just made up Thursday's losses to rise by 5.42 points, or 4.6 per cent, to 1,173.56. The 60-share Commerzbank index, taken at midday, climbed by 9.7 points, or 0.7 per cent, to 1,474.6.

Shares firmed slightly in quiet business in what was seen as a technical adjustment before the weekend rather than fundamental strength.

Demand for the new federal bond was slack, with professionals selling into any price gains.

WALL STREET

	Aug 11	Aug 10		Aug 11	Aug 10		Aug 11	Aug 10
AMR Cp	42⅞	43	Fedders	9½	9⅝	Pennzoil	71	71¼
ASA	39	39¼	Fst Chicago	33	33¼	Pepsico	35⅛	34⅝
Aetna Life	47	46⅝	Fst Int Bncp	52⅝	52⅝	Pfizer	50⅝	50⅝
Allied Signal	34⅛	34	Fst Penn C	11⅛	11⅛	Phelps Dod	37¼	37⅛
Allis Chim	⅝	11/16	FT Wachva	38⅛	38⅝	Philip Mor	89½	88¾
Alcoa	49¾	49½	Ford Motor	50¼	50½	Philip Ptrl	17⅛	17
Amax Inc	21⅝	21⅞	GAF Cp	46⅞	46¾	Pillsbury	37⅛	37⅜
AMR Hess	27	26⅝	GTE Cp	41	40⅝	Polaroid	43¼	42⅝

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Wickes makes £303m bid for Hillsdown subsidiary

By Alexandra Jackson

Wickes, the building materials and DIY retailing group, has agreed to pay £212.3 million for a 72.8 per cent shareholding in Hunter, the timber and timber products group presently owned by Hillsdown Holdings, and is making a recommended offer for the remaining share capital of the company.

The offer values each Hunter share at 351p, a 65 per cent premium over the closing price of 213p, on Thursday. The value of the whole business is £303.2 million.

Hillsdown is accepting cash and shares for its stake and will end up with a 20.1 per cent shareholding in the enlarged company. Mr Harry Solomon, the chairman of Hillsdown, is to become a non-executive director of Wickes.

Wickes has agreed to sell Abco and Formwood, two of Hunter's subsidiaries, back to Hillsdown for £22 million, and is planning to dispose of around a dozen small businesses. Hillsdown has underwritten the sale of these companies at £30 million. Wickes is also taking on £60 million of Hunter's debt.



Retail orientated: Henry Sweetbaum, chairman of Wickes

Hunter made £11.7 million pre-tax profit in the six months to end-June and is forecasting pre-tax profits of £25 million for the year to end December. These figures compare with interim pre-tax profits of £6.5 million and £14.6 million respectively in 1987. City analysts are expecting Hunter to make £36 million in calendar 1989. The enlarged group has the potential to make between £45 and £50 million in that year.

Adjusting for the proposed disposals, the exit price/earnings ratio on a 35 per cent tax charge is 15.3 times for the current year, falling to 10.7 times for 1989.

Mr Solomon said: "We agreed this deal in response to an approach from Wickes. Hunter fits perfectly with their operation and, as beuer retailers than us, Wickes will be able to bring a lot of benefits to Hunter.

"We have a high regard for their ability and have been able to realize cash and take a share stake in the enlarged group."

Mr Solomon said the money will be used to reduce Hillsdown's debt. This is estimated to be around 70 per cent after this disposal.

Mr Solomon continued: "We never felt Hunter's potential was reflected in our rating. It is valued in our books at £50 million."

Mr Henry Sweetbaum, chairman of Wickes, said: "This acquisition will give a considerable uplift to our earnings per share. The enlarged group will have sales of between £600 and £700 million.

"The Hunter businesses are more geared towards the building trade, whereas the Wickes outlets are more retail orientated. We see considerable potential from the two operations. We do not know at this stage, however, the extent to which they will be integrated."

COMMENT

County leaks test strength of City's new procedural walls

County NatWest WoodMac has got itself into a pickle over its misplaced dealings in Grand Metropolitan shares. Its initial bald announcement that two employees had been sacked begged too many questions to be sensible and has predictably heightened the hue and cry. Nor did it win friends at GrandMet, where chairman Allen Sheppard first learned the news from the Press. Its insistence that the background to the sackings was merely a staff matter was perhaps even more inept.

What happened is now reasonably clear, only in part thanks to a further statement yesterday. The background to it remains embarrassingly foggy. It seems likely to raise questions about how City behaviour in practice really equates with the complex formal rules, Chinese walls and expensive compliance departments set up after Big Bang and the Financial Services Act to minimize abuse.

The change from single capacity brokers and market-making jobbers to multi-purpose securities firms brought a new conflict of interest and potential for abuse at the expense of investors and rivals. Allowing these firms to be part of large financial conglomerates extended strains that had always existed between, for instance, the corporate advice and investment management functions of merchant banks.

The Chinese walls of silence erected to overcome these new temptations were recognized (for instance in the financial services legislation) as an imperfect and insufficient protection in themselves. But they are important and there are also important distinctions between them.

COUNTY NATWEST

In most cases, a need to know is matched with a need not to act. GrandMet, in this instance, quite properly informed its brokers, shortly in advance of its price-sensitive announcement of a planned sale of its hotel division, on the usual understanding that the brokers would not deal in advance.

The brokers and their analysts needed to know because they would quickly be called on to respond as a fount of information by the market once the announcement appeared. Similar arrangements affect bankers and other professional advisers. They are also essential for the underwriting system to function, although that is a notorious source of market leaks.

It is, however, recognized by The Securities Association and the City Takeover Panel that the conduct of market-makers (as well as investment managers) requires different rules. The business of market-makers is to deal. Indeed they have an obligation to the Stock Exchange to keep a continuous book. And they must constantly adapt their judgement of how their book should stand to the changing market situation. They must therefore not have price sensitive information from other parts of their organization, since it cannot but affect their judgements.

As others have discovered in interpreting the rules for market-makers in the Takeover Code, dealers are not great readers of rules who thoughtfully ponder what is the correct thing to do.

County acknowledged "a breach of internal procedures" when analysts told market-makers what was up. Mr Kean, the principal sacked dealer, has announced, however, that he was contacted by not one but two County NatWest WoodMac analysts. This is Lady Bracknell territory. One leak across the wall might be an unfortunate accident; two suggests carelessness in the firm's procedures.

The abuse of inside information was spotted by rival market-makers who lost money by selling to CNW at the wrong time, just as market-makers blew the whistle on the personal inside trading of Geoffrey Collier. Rivals losing money are motivated policemen, but they do not by any means cover the waterfront and rarely cover losses by investors as a result of abuse.

The Securities Association will be investigating to see whether CNW broke any of its regulator's rules. Unless they conclude that the firm is surprisingly ill-organized for such an important player, they may have to conduct a wider survey of the industry's rules and practices for isolating market-makers from inside information. In a market where close co-operation between the broking and market-making sides of securities firms can be vital for success, that could be crucial for confidence in the new system.

Brierley resurrects merger

By Colin Campbell

Two companies in the Sir Ron Brierley stable have resurrected merger thoughts after a change in Australian tax laws and a general fall in asset values since the October crash.

Sir Ron's top company Brierley Investments, which is based and will remain based in New Zealand, plans to take its holding in its Australian arm, Industrial Equity, from 51 per cent to 100 per cent.

The merger was first planned by the two parties two years ago, but potential tax liabilities arising from capital gains tax worked heavily against the idea.

Sir Ron says both companies are again thinking of a merger, though Industrial Equity's Hong Kong-based arm, Industrial Equity Pacific, would not form part of the deal. Likely terms have yet to be announced.

Drug news hits Beecham

By Wolfgang Münchau

Beecham's share price dropped sharply yesterday, following the publication of the results of one the most extensive drug trials ever undertaken.

The results in *The Lancet* showed that streptokinase, an anti-blood clot product developed by Hoechst, the West German chemical and pharmaceutical conglomerate, under the brand name Streptase more than 10 years ago, achieves a reduction in the rate of fatal heart attacks from 13 per cent to 8 per cent.

The results come as an important boost to Hoechst and other pharmaceutical companies selling streptokinase. But they proved a severe blow to Beecham, the British pharmaceutical and consumer products group. Beecham has recently completed the development of Eminase, also an anti-heart attack drug, based on streptokinase. Industry analysts had previously estimated that Eminase, which is not expected to hit the British and American markets before 1990 could account for 5 per cent of Beecham's total sales by 1993.

The results of the drug trial, came as a surprise even to Hoechst, whose share price moved up from DM861 to DM870, while Beecham fell from 487p to 480p.

A spokesman for Beecham said: "There can be no doubt that this is an excellent trial. The results are quite unequivocal. But our own trials have shown that Eminase has a similar success rate than streptokinase."

However, revenues could be effected strongly, since a streptokinase treatment costs about £80, while Eminase is currently sold in West Germany for about DM1720 (£537).

Pharmaceutical analysts were divided as to the long-term financial implications for Beecham. One analyst said that "I still view Beecham's as a good stock, although these test results must have come as a major blow to them."

A Phillips & Drew analyst believes that Genentech, the American genetic engineering company, which has developed tPA at 10 times the development cost of Streptase, may be worse affected than Beecham.

However, Beecham-developed Eminase is still thought likely to be a more effective for long-term applications since streptokinase develops anti-bodies if taken over a longer period of time.

However, as one analyst pointed out, the implications for Beecham will not be known until a test, involving all three products, is conducted.

● Beecham has sold Juvena, its continental cosmetics operation, for £22.4 million cash.

Bank follows a trend over gearing

The Bank of England seems to have changed its tune on the subject of companies gearing themselves up through loans. Just two years ago, the Bank opposed Elders-IXL's original, highly geared, scheme to buy Allied-Lyons because it involved "a significant risk to the well-being of Allied-Lyons' businesses" in bad times.

"A run of similarly highly leveraged transactions could weaken the financial position of British industry and have serious consequences for its stability and long-term development," it said.

As a rule of thumb, capital gearing of 50 per cent would be acceptable while 100 per cent "would provide some grounds for concern," according to the Monopolies Commission report of the Bank's evidence. The Bank feared a repeat of experiences in the United States. There, a net $150 billion of US equity had been exchanged for debt in three years, chiefly as a result of takeover bids and greenmail, wiping out 30 years of net share-raising.

But that was in the days when David Walker, then the Bank's director in charge of industry and the City, fretted about what came to be known as short-termism. The concerned Mr Walker moved aside to head the SIB.

When *The Times* suggested that the Bank would therefore be concerned over Goodman Fielder's £1.7 billion bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall, which would give the combined group gearing somewhere between 250 per cent and infinity, the Bank let it be known that it had raised no objections. Times change.

The Bank's latest *Quarterly Bulletin* offers another straw in the wind. An article produced by the Bank-sponsored City Capital Markets Committee urges more companies to think of repurchasing their own shares as a routine matter. This practice, common in the US, has here been confined largely to asset-based financial companies, whose shares sell at a discount. Investment trusts can increase assets per share directly, by reducing their share capital, making asset-stripping bids otiose.

For normal companies, the Committee sees share repurchase as a method of distributing surplus cash. But it does also have the effect of withdrawing equity from the market.

The Bank appears to be catching up with the internationalization of markets. There is little point in trying to prevent American trends crossing the Atlantic. Trying to exercise restraint on gearing here would simply limit the competitiveness of British banks and leave British companies more vulnerable to takeover bids.

Marketing comprehensive finance packages for big companies is the in thing in international banking. By contrast, companies that have expanded quickly, through a series of rights issues, have made few friends in the City.

Accepting higher gearing, already a feature in Japan and Germany might also be an expression of greater confidence that industry will not face nasty shocks and that brand names will retain their value. And as institutional shareholders have become fickle, banks committed to medium-term loans (as in the Goodman Fielder case) may be more steadfast partners – if only because they can not simply walk away.

The trouble is that these international banks, as opposed to the traditional Japanese and German ones, are not at all interested in risk. Backing takeover bids for established businesses with good cashflow fills that requirement. But, at current interest rates, companies the size of Goodman Fielder or RHM would probably have a dusty reception if they asked a banking consortium to put up £2 billion for a new project.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

BICC agrees £35m selloff

BICC, the cables and construction group, has sold its electronic connector interests to ITT for £35 million.

The companies are the Scalectro operations and the connector business of BICC-Vero group. Net assets are £27.6 million.

Mr Robin Biggam, the BICC chief executive, said BICC was re-shaping to concentrate on its long-term growth businesses.

Runciman defends shares

By Martin Waller

As the battle for Walter Runciman, the security and shipping group, approaches its last week, it has fired another broadside against the £31 million final bid from Telfos, the revitalized engineer.

In a letter to shareholders, Runciman claims its prospects after recent reorganization "fully justify" its current share price of 331p, against a cash alternative from Telfos of 328p.

Telfos has claimed that a failure for its bid would push the Runciman share price back towards the 217.5p level where it stood before the first bid, attacking Runciman's defence as "fairy tales."

But Mr Garry Runciman, the chairman, said the market value of the shares, preference shares and warrants package, worth 346p at yesterday's prices, was uncertain.

Mr Dan White, an analyst at County NatWest, reckoned Runciman's price would hold at about £3 should the bid fail.

The offer closes on Sunday week. Runciman can count on 35 per cent of the shares in friendly hands. Telfos holds just under 28 per cent.

UK banker jailed for bribery in Hong Kong

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A British merchant banker was jailed for a year yesterday for accepting more than HK$1 million (£75,800) in bribes from two Hong Kong businessmen.

At the time, Stuart Leslie Turner was an executive director of Barclays Asia Ltd. Sentence was passed by Judge Owen Corcoran, who said he accepted the temptation to accept the bribe was great.

Turner admitted receiving HK$888,000 in July 1981 from Mr George Tan, chief of the now-defunct Carrian group, as a reward for procuring a loan of HK$100 million from Barclays to Carrian.

He also admitted accepting a gift of HK$300,000 from Mr Victor Hwang, a director of Tri-view Ltd, a housing developer, in March 1982. The money was a reward for a HK$80 million loan from Barclays to Tri-view.



George Tan: Carrian chief

The judge ordered Turner, who was arrested in London in June 1987 and extradited to Hong Kong, to repay the money within six months.

Argentina sells 40% of airline to Scandinavian

From A Correspondent
Buenos Aires

Scandinavian Airline Systems had agreed to pay $204 million (£120 million) for 40 per cent of the state-owned Aerolineas Argentinas airline, it was reported yesterday.

The government said that what would be Argentina's largest sale of public assets to date would now go before Congress – and hostile opposition – for final approval.

The terms of agreement contract announced late on Thursday followed seven months of talks between the government and SAS. The Argentine state is to retain 51 per cent ownership and employees will be given the remaining 9 per cent.

Many observers had expected the deal to fail. The announcement was a publicity coup for Señor Rodolfo Terragno, the Public Works Minister, who last January said the sale would be the first of several aimed at improving efficiency.

Talks between the state telephone company and Spain's Telefónica could seal a similar deal shortly.

The Peronist opposition has already asked why the government did not consider a rival bid by Argentine investors to buy part of the airline.

Aerolineas' fleet numbers 32 aircraft, compared with SAS's 100. The Argentine company's 1987 sales were $467 million, compared with $3.4 billion for SAS.

SAS only last year failed in its bid to buy British Caledonian Airlines.

Eleven thousand workers build stake in own companies

Employee ownership no ESOP fable

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

More than 11,000 British workers now own at least part of the company they work for, through management-employee buyouts, and the figure is set to increase by around 6,000 over the next few months.

Two more manufacturing companies announced yesterday that their employees are to become part-owners through an employee share ownership plan (ESOP).

The two latest companies are KTM, the Brighton machine-tool manufacturers, and Lydney Products, the specialist plywood manufacturer based near Gloucester.

Three hundred employees at KTM and 200 at Lydney are involved in the plans to buy their own company with the help of the Unity Trust Bank, the trade union and co-operative-owned finance house.

KTM is a buyout from Vickers and Lydney Products is a buyout from Mallinson-Denny.

At KTM, the employees will initially acquire 19 per cent of the company through an employee benefit trust. At Lydney, 11 per cent of the company will belong to the employee trust in the first phase of the buyout.

Mr Mike Marsden, ESOP director at Unity Trust, said the two buyouts showed how employees can be involved efficiently and fairly in such arrangements. "We have several more in the pipeline, and I feel that the ESOP concept is now really taking off".

The success of ESOP, which got under way in Britain only two years ago, has led to the setting up of a special centre aimed at informing employers, the financial sector, opinion-formers and trade unions about the system; to carrying out research into ESOPs; and to encouraging British businesses to establish ESOPs.

The centre is backed by an impressive spread of sponsoring members: Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Chemical Bank, Clifford Chance, Kleinwort Benson, KMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Continental Bank Illinois, New Bridge Street Consultants and Unity Trust Bank.

The nine existing ESOP companies have agreed to join in, as have the London Business School, the Industrial Society and the Co-operative Development Agency.

As yet the centre – which sees itself as a pressure group to promote ESOPs – does not have its own offices, but according to Mr Malcolm Hurlston, its director, that will soon be rectified.

Among other companies whose employees have bought into their own management are City Vehicle Engineering (144 employees), Coventry Press Works (250), Llanelli Radiators (850), MFI Furniture Group (6,500), Provincial Bus (200), RFS Industries (750), and RoadChef (700 plus).

Mr Hurlston said that he knew of possibly five more companies with around 6,000 employees involved in initial negotiations for buyouts under ESOP.

"The idea of the centre is to make the idea better-known", he said.

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Balanced	420.7	447.9	-4.8	3.22
Amer Inc	28.21	30.04p	-0.19	4.30
World Ass Val	27.77	29.59p	-0.18	1.04
Japan	139.2	148.2	-4.1	0.01
Sec of Amer	180.6	192.3	-2.6	1.05
Asset Value	323.5	344.5	-3.3	2.89
O'seas Earn	208.8	222.3	-2.2	3.15
Recovery	100.6	107.1	-1.2	2.91
Uk Spec Sits	264.1	281.2	-4.0	2.57
Smlr Co	171.0	182.1p	-1.3	2.22
Capital	252.3	261.3	-3.8	2.97
Amer Spec Sit	62.45	66.50	-0.64	1.49
International	92.31	98.31p	-1.66	1.01
Growth & Inc	152.9	162.8	-1.5	3.48
Euro Gth	17.67	18.16p	-0.29	1.33
Pacific	225.9	240.5p	-4.7	0.79
2nd Smlr Co	196.8	209.5	-1.1	1.88

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	79.84	84.74p	-1.25	3.36
Euro Gth Inc	63.01	67.11p	-0.29	1.23
General Income	95.72	102.1	-1.07	4.83
General	170.3	181.6	-2.5	3.13
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.36	56.01p	-0.13	9.45
Income Tst	407.2	434.3p	-5.6	3.86

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
Tel: 01-658 3000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	57.22	60.72	-1.83	1.30
Australia	70.34	75.98	-0.80	0.00
Eastern	80.81	86.20	-0.61	0.40
Equity Inc	68.68	73.54	-0.74	5.00
Income	119.7	127.1	-1.2	0.00
Exempt Tst	55.91	59.33p		3.10
Growth & Inc	77.37	82.40c	-0.66	2.20
Do Acc	120.6	128.0c	-1.3	2.20
Global Gth	62.84	66.69	-0.48	1.31
Japan Spec	141.6	152.1p	+1.1	0.00
Japan Sun	150.5	162.1	+2.5	0.00
First Europe	106.5	113.1	-1.2	1.10
First Japan	103.0	110.9	+1.3	0.00
First N Amer	44.54	47.26p	-1.38	1.00
First Smlr Co	96.75	101.6	-0.39	1.40
N Amer Spec	41.87	44.43	-1.39	0.60
Uk Growth	58.46	62.05	-0.45	2.00
Select Man Fd	42.02	49.86	-0.30	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	156.6	167.2c	-1.5	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	303.9	329.7	-4.0	0.62
Do Inc	192.2	208.6	-2.5	1.28
High Income	80.21	85.69	+0.53	5.70
Income	96.66	103.2	+0.16	5.83
Main Portfl Inc	89.50	95.56	+0.85	5.83
Do Acc	152.0	162.3p	+1.5	2.20
Nth American	46.38	49.51	-0.81	0.30
Orient	108.5	116.1	+1.1	0.28
Exempt	278.1	302.4	-2.5	3.78
Recovery	67.57	72.14	-0.79	1.81
German	22.13	23.56	-0.35	1.69
Int Recov	24.98	26.67	-0.18	0.90
Europe	24.98	26.67	-0.18	0.90
Conv General	24.74	26.34	-0.14	6.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange Tower, London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 (01) 623 2344

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emer Gtn Fd In	62.76	66.59p	-0.63	1.58
Emr Gtn Fd Ac	63.23	67.09p	-0.63	1.58
Fellowship Inc	62.53	66.34	-0.35	1.71
General Inc 4	270.1	286.5	-2.74	5.80
Do Acc 4	446.2	473.4	-4.7	2.92
Income Fd 3	140.1	148.6	-1.5	5.00
Do Acc 3	263.7	279.8	-2.9	5.00
Int Income 2	164.1	110.4c	-1.5	1.83
Do Acc 2	141.2	147.3c	-1.5	1.83
Smlr Inc 5	99.4	105.4p	-0.8	1.19
Do Acc	107.9	114.5p	-0.9	1.19

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smt Gt Fd Inc	50.95	51.65	-0.42	1.41

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	34.13	36.50a	-0.13	2.80
Income	43.29	46.30a	-0.14	4.48
Far East	29.65	31.72b	+0.56	0.20
Nth American	26.85	28.56b	-0.66	0.77
Global	44.02	46.80	-0.75	0.73
European	40.33	42.90	-0.34	1.26
Japan	85.62	91.70	+1.11	0.01
Strategic Opp	49.87	53.34	-0.48	1.41
Do Acc	47.6	50.6		3.31
Ind Currency	45.19	47.62	-0.21	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: : 01-588 0998

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	406.1	433.3	+2.4	3.13
European S S	46.09	52.35	-0.60	3.10
Far East S S	51.78	55.35	-0.40	0.65
Gold Gen S S	52.52	56.05	+1.23	0.91
Income	346.2	369.4	-2.1	5.19
Intl So Sits	49.78	53.12	-0.43	1.93
Nth Amer	230.5	245.9	-5.1	2.32

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	461.2			4.76
Fixed Int	143.2			9.99
Deposit	100.0			8.76

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	436.17	●		5.07
Units	613.7114			
Deposit	100.0			9.95

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Reinvt	23.09	24.43		
SC Special Sits	67.19	71.10		0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373383

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	20.01	21.17		0.38
Atlas Gth	22.44	23.81		0.73
Dragon Gth	26.25	27.86		1.55
Equity Hi Inc	58.84	62.10		4.85
Do Acc	58.63	62.93		4.85
European Gth	28.06	29.80		1.58
Gen Equity	48.35	49.36		2.92
G/F Interst Gth	32.79	34.43	+4.50	7.56
Gth & Fixed Inc	24.55	25.77		9.00
Intl Income Tst	22.82	24.21	-0.01	5.70
Japan Gth	46.43	49.13		0.00
Peacgree Gth	29.91	31.65		2.22
Special Sits	36.80	39.05		2.01

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Uk. & Gen Inc	53.57	56.99	-0.68	2.57
Do Acc	55.81	59.37	-0.71	2.57
Income Inc	55.50	58.94	-0.54	3.54
Do Acc	58.14	61.85	-0.61	3.54
Worldwide Inc	44.88	48.00	-0.68	0.52
Do Acc	45.52	48.69	-0.65	0.52
Gemma Inc	36.99	39.35	-0.42	0.88
Do Acc	37.15	39.52	-0.33	0.88
Amer Gth	52.21	55.54	-0.62	0.70
Euro Gth	54.37	57.84	-0.56	0.85
Far East	64.04	68.13	-1.55	0.00
Gth & Fixd Int	47.75	50.32	-0.19	8.16
World Bond	47.75	50.32	-0.19	8.16
Private Inv Pf	47.34	50.19	-0.34	5.22
Profess Inv Pf	50.27	53.48	-0.61	1.16
Progres Inv Pf	50.27	53.48	-0.61	1.16

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	102.5	110.7p	-3.0	0.75
Canadian Gth	20.26	21.96	-0.43	1.00
European Tst	95.2	101.5	+1.8	1.00
Growth Tst	262.6	280.1	-2.8	1.00
High Income	315.9	337.0	-3.3	5.10
Intl Tech Tst	109.9	117.2	-0.7	0.68
Investment	26.31	28.66	-0.41	0.70
Japanese Tst	340.2	362.8	-0.6	0.00
Man Int	27.86	29.65	-0.31	2.51

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 07372-42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gen	51.46	55.16	-0.85	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	37.94	40.79	-0.64	1.90
International	46.96	49.98	-0.37	5.20
N Amer Gth	42.61	45.53	-0.75	1.70
Pacific Gth	59.05	62.87	-0.07	0.00
Uk Gth Acc	69.07	74.67	-0.92	2.90
Do Dist	66.73	72.14	-0.31	2.90
Uk Income	59.53	63.53	-0.35	5.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 090525

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	58.34	61.99	-1.69	1.81
Capital Fd	135.1	143.5	-1.2	1.39
Convertible	24.42	25.95	-0.16	7.61
Eurofund	23.54	24.91	-0.27	1.21
Growth & Inc	179.3	191.0e	-1.2	3.93
High Dist Fd	151.3	160.8	-1.4	4.98
International	207.2	220.2e	-1.0	1.02
Pacific Fd	25.92	27.54	-0.06	0.00
Resources Fd	23.11	24.55	-0.48	0.00
Smaller Cos	43.21	45.93	-0.54	0.00
Tokyo Fd	196.8	210.6	+4.0	0.00
Eur Amer 2	121.2	124.5		1.64
Eur Japan 3	122.0	125.4		0.01
Eur Pacific 4	184.1	189.7	-3.1	0.22
Ex Smlr Jap 4	255.0	262.0	-2.7	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	83.98	89.00	-0.51	2.73
Do Acc	88.38	93.77	-0.54	2.58
UK Gilt Inc	125.9	133.5	-0.76	4.30
UK High Inc	95.95	101.8	-0.68	4.30
N Amer Acc	62.28	66.43e	-1.62	1.05
Far East Acc	118.5	126.4e	+0.5	0.61
European Acc	69.74	74.39e	-0.89	1.39
UK Gt/Fi Inc	58.68	62.58	-0.09	8.66
Do Acc	64.81	68.14	-0.11	7.83
Intl Spec Sits	38.44	41.00	-0.33	1.63

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 68966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	118.1	125.6		1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pescan	93.78	99.77	-0.67	3.71
High Income	99.77	106.1	-1.03	4.80
GM Fd Inc	91.26	94.94e	-0.14	7.62
Tst Of Inv Tsts	88.12	93.75e	-0.64	2.13
Spec Sits Tst	105.2	112.0	-1.13	2.68
Nth Amer Tst	98.68	62.22	-0.84	1.43
Far East Tst	117.6	125.3e	+0.99	0.32
Intl Gth	57.13	60.78	-0.71	1.81
European Tst	40.28	42.86	-0.74	1.82

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	177.7	189.1	-2.1	3.39
Do Inc	147.3	156.8	-1.8	3.39
Higher Inc Acc	331.5	352.7	-4.1	4.53
Do Inc	250.4	266.4	-3.0	4.53
Gelts & Fxd Acc	111.2	116.9	-0.1	8.75
Do Inc	230.27	87.51		8.75
N Amer Acc	116.7	123.7	-0.7	0.70
Far East Acc	212.2	225.8	+1.9	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	132.3	140.6	+0.8	0.00
Gen Tst	256.7	275.3	-3.8	3.74
Bnt Excel	47.98	50.80	-0.32	2.50
Br Fdmtls Inc	49.84	53.03	-0.30	6.06
Do Acc	49.84	53.03	-0.30	8.06

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	62.68	67.04	-1.12	0.64
UK Inc Fd	91.53	97.99	-1.06	4.44
Far East Fd	87.66	93.78	+0.01	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.55	65.83	+1.01	4.34
Fxd Interest	92.92	96.13	+0.01	10.02
Natural Res Fd	58.26	62.31	-1.17	1.93
European Inc	59.64	63.78p	-1.19	2.31
Financials Fd	48.61	52.01	+0.45	2.38
Intl Tech Fd	100.3	107.3	-1.3	0.78
UK Gth	66.55	73.31	-0.78	2.03
US Major	45.76	48.94	-0.53	0.89

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 2132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	76.83	75.36	-0.82	1.20
Do Inc	66.83	73.24	-0.80	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	39.90	30.86p	-0.08	4.60
Do Inc	35.77	39.14p	-0.91	4.60
Gen Acc	57.77	61.46	-0.44	3.50
Do Inc	49.50	52.67	-0.38	3.50
Serv Co Acc	73.41	78.13	-0.56	4.38
Do Inc	71.63	76.28	-0.49	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.86	24.33p	-0.70	1.20
Do Inc	22.61	24.06p	-0.70	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.43	17.49	-0.31	2.00
Do Inc	16.43	17.49	-0.31	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Tower Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	100.5	106.5	-2.6	0.61
Amer Eqty Inc	27.64	29.33p	-0.45	5.46
American Spec Sit	51.22	54.35p	-0.79	1.40
Australia	27.23	28.93	-0.29	2.15
European	56.90	60.56	-0.77	
European Inc	30.78	32.65	-0.18	4.29
Global Conv	55.77	59.80	-0.13	5.48
Far East Inc	38.56	40.85	-0.09	3.57
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.02	29.29e	-0.01	10.92
Growth & Inc	23.08	25.06	-0.06	4.71
Japan Spec Sit	70.70	75.17	-0.12	
Japan	186.4	176.9e	+2.6	
Managed Intl	124.1	132.1	-3.2	0.33
Inc Plus	51.89	112.5	-0.5	4.29
Financial Name	41.08	44.06e	-0.50	2.46
Sit Assa	42.31	45.07	-0.47	0.69
Spec Sit	27.00	28.76	-0.55	0.57
Eastern Opps	23.08	25.01	-0.06	0.00
Intl Bond	24.21	25.61e	-0.21	7.44
Recovery	29.27	31.39	-0.26	2.31
Moneybuilder	26.01	27.61e	-0.14	2.98

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Cos	173.7	183.2c	-1.0	0.56
Do Acc	177.5	187.2c	-3.6	
Amer Turn Inc	200.0	211.0	-5.2	
Do Acc	207.5	218.9	-5.3	
Capital Inc	175.5	185.1	-3.5	2.17
Do Acc	341.5	360.4	-2.0	2.17
Conv/Gtr Inc	106.1	111.9e	-0.2	5.67
Do Acc	145.6	153.6e	-0.3	5.67
Eurobond Inc	55.56	58.62	-0.92	1.07
Do Acc	56.03	59.13	-0.93	1.07
Extra Inc Inc	243.2	256.6e	-2.2	4.33
Do Acc	279.7	295.1e	-2.0	4.33
Financial Acc	44.70	47.17	-0.37	0.50
Do Inc	44.29	46.74	-0.37	0.50
Income Tst	166.7	175.9	-1.7	4.09
Do Acc	186.6	196.1	-1.9	4.09
Intl Growth Fd	149.9	158.1	-2.6	
Do Acc	150.9	169.8	-2.9	
Japan/Gen Inc	121.6	128.3	-0.7	
Do Acc	122.8	129.6	-0.7	
Managed Inc Fd	126.2	135.6e	-0.27	4.16
PEP 87	63.26		-0.27	2.56
PEP 88	56.30	59.41	-0.36	2.40
Recovery	184.3	194.5e	-3.9	1.30
Do Acc	203.0	214.2e	-4.2	1.30
Smaller Inc	59.72	63.02	-0.17	2.31
Do Acc	60.00	63.32	-0.18	2.31

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salesbury, Write SP1 2SH Tel: Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 411822

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	238.5	252.6	-1.61	2.71
Do Acc	251.3	266.1	-2.80	2.71
Euro Gth Dist	55.56	58.56e	-0.70	0.60
Do Acc	55.92	59.32e	-0.71	0.60
Fxd Interest Di	113.6	119.8	+0.06	6.67
Do Acc	149.3	157.5	+0.08	6.67
Int Gtn Dist	54.79	58.13	-0.32	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	112.3	119.1e	-3.16	1.46
Do Acc	114.8	121.7e	-3.22	1.46
Pac Basn Dist	185.3	196.5e	+4.91	
Do Acc	242.4	256.9	-0.91	1.43
Do Acc	255.4	270.7	-0.97	1.43
Steward Inc Di	89.52	93.40e	-0.16	2.60
Do Acc	91.10	64.76e	-0.17	2.60
N Am Steel Di	53.50	56.71e	-1.16	0.87
Do Acc	54.16	57.47e	-1.19	0.87

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Sp Sits	55.89	58.78	-1.69	0.46
Uk Cap Inc	131.3	140.5e	-1.7	3.08
Do Acc	131.3	140.5e	-1.7	3.08
Do Spec Sits	53.68	57.42	-0.53	0.99
Income Fd	97.8	104.6	-1.1	5.86
International	158.5	169.6	-2.4	1.14
Ldn & Continental	52.25	55.91	-0.75	1.46
Japan & Gen	306.8	328.1	+5.6	0.29
Far East Gen	125.0	133.7	+0.1	0.30
European Fd	225.9	239.5	-2.6	0.24
Germany Fd	82.62	88.40	-0.57	1.70
Am Sm Co Acc	47.6	50.54	-0.66	0.21
Do Acc	59.25	63.37e	-1.05	0.21
Global Prp Inc	46.91	50.18	-0.42	2.44
Do Acc	46.91	50.18	-0.42	2.44

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212
Dealings: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	69.21	73.70p	-0.94	2.75
Do Dist	58.70	62.51e	-0.79	2.75
Cont UK Gth	24.66	26.25		2.75
Main Expt	272.7	283.6	-2.52	2.55
Pract Inv Inc	67.51	72.23	-0.41	2.49
Do Acc	127.1	136.0		2.47
Spec Sits	111.7	119.5		0.73
UK Sel Opps	63.39	67.82		1.12
UK Smlr Cos	108.7	116.4		1.15
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.82	65.23		6.28
Fxd Interest	29.7	31.79		7.66
High Income	31.18	33.28a		5.32
Income	100.7	108.0e		4.07
Intl Fxd Int	23.62	25.04		7.90
International Tsts				
Common Shre	60.75	64.85		1.32

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Regal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-883 9933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GU/Fxd Interest	116.6	121.1	-0.7	9.21
Gth Equity	252.9	267.2	-2.4	3.21
Guardian	32.61	34.45	-0.23	2.89
Income Tst	95.92	101.5	-2.24	4.69
Intl Tst	110.9	117.3	-2.7	0.37
N American	157.2	134.5	-2.2	1.42
Pacific	179.3	189.5	-1.4	0.00
Prop Shares	378.9	401.0e	-3.3	1.74
Smaller Co	302.3	319.8	-1.4	1.88
European Tst	244.2	258.4	-1.4	1.18

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 449, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Gth	40.06	42.62	-0.92	0.80
High Income	90.57	99.56e	-1.31	5.17
Int Gth	106.5	113.4	-0.73	0.00
Pacific Gth	42.74	45.47	-0.83	0.50
Recovery	331.7	352.9	-0.5	2.20
St Vincent Inc	166.9	111.7c	-1.4	6.51
St Vinc US Gtn	52.81	54.85c	-1.80	0.00
Temp B Sm Co	260.5	272.9e		3.11
TSUSF	163.8	175.3		2.56
Euro Gth Tst	45.53	48.27		0.80

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	54.95	58.31	-0.73	6.31
Canadian Tst	44.48	47.20	-1.03	1.04
Equity Income	52.21	55.54	-0.62	0.70
European Tst	81.86	86.85	-1.27	0.83
High Income	62.56	67.62	-0.25	6.14
Intl Sits Tst	51.77	55.22e	-0.61	1.14
Japan/F East	127.8	135.6	+0.8	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	54.02	57.32	-1.57	1.19
Recov & Assec	65.28	69.64e	-0.37	1.81
Scandinavian	74.88	79.45	-1.01	0.62
Smlr Cos	135.98	145.1e	-2.25	1.26
UK New Gen	40.04	42.60e	-0.16	1.31

HENDERSON
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recov	94.32	102.5	-2.54	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	63.01	67.11	-0.76	0.00
Australasian	113.5	121.2	-1.3	1.42
Best of World	46.16	49.30e	-0.57	2.19
Cap Gth Inc	63.29	68.24	-0.70	2.27
Do Acc	63.29	68.24	-0.70	2.27
European	209.5	224.2	-3.0	1.06
Euro Inc Tst	40.43	43.24p	-0.48	4.16
Euro Smlr Co	73.69	78.70	-0.53	0.07
Extra Income	222.3

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Steady close to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 1. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day August 15. Settlement day August 22. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Reed Int (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
2	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
3	Saunders (J)	Building,Roads	
4	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
5	Bradford	Property	
6	Alpine Group	Foods	
7	Portals	Industrials L-R	
8	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
9	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
10	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
11	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
12	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
13	Blue Circle (aa)	Building,Roads	
14	Hillsdown (aa)	Foods	
15	Berton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
16	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
17	Brixton	Property	
18	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
19	UEI	Electricals	
20	TI	Industrials S-Z	
21	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
22	Shield Gp	Property	
23	RHM (aa)	Foods	
24	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
25	Cray Elect	Electricals	
26	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
27	Speyhawk	Property	
28	Barr (AG)	Foods	
29	Hanover Druce	Property	
30	Thames TV	Leisure	
31	Volex	Electricals	
32	Foster (John)	Textiles	
33	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
34	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
35	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
36	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
37	Peachey	Property	
38	Magnet (aa)	Building,Roads	
39	Illingworth	Textiles	
40	Westmrc	Industrials S-Z	
41	BET Ord (aa)	Industrials A-D	
42	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
43	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
44	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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Claims required for 193 points

ACCUMULATOR £150,000
Claims better than 193 points

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	309	Allied Lyons (aa)	421	424	+5	17.3	4.1	12.6
867	746½	Bass (aa)	773	777	+5½	26.9	3.5	11.6
66	43	Bellhaven	63	66	+2	1.4	2.2	20.4
179	127	Brickington	165	170		5.4	3.2	22.7
207	145	Buckleys	165	165		4.4	2.6	19.4
198	147	Palmer (H P)	168	175		8.7	5.1	11.0
191	130	Burtonwood Brew	172	180		4.2	2.4	18.9
396	332	Dutch (Matthew)	370	380		14.7	3.9	10.7
372	274	Devenish (JA)	342	350		10.5	3.0	14.2
248	175	Greenall Whitley	240	243		8.3	3.4	13.8
458	436	Greene King	443	447		9.9	2.2	21.1
251	211	Laurence (aa)	243	246	+6	12.6	5.1	10.7
780	655	Nordic & Managers	760	770		30.0	3.9	14.3
178	76	Hardys Dist	175	178	-1	3.5	2.0	16.1
306	167	Invergordon Dist	292	302	+1	7.9	2.7	17.9
320	155	Irish Dist	280	295				
186	110	Morrison Thompson	155	158		3.9	2.5	11.1
675	463	Morland	650	700	+5	10.9	1.6	26.7
368	275	SA Breweries	365	365				
357	306	Scot & Nwc (aa)	357	358	+16	17.2	3.4	17.6
236	180	Wem Green	200	210	+2	21.9b	3.1	21.5
318	221	Wolverhpt & V (aa)	300	303	-1	14.1	4.7	11.5
470	295	Dp B	420	520	+5	14.1	3.0	11.5
411	274	Whitbread Inv	390	397	+4	12.3	3.1	11.8
435	350	Wolverhampton & D	415	423		8.2	2.0	12.6
530	345	Young A	515	535	-5	12.3	2.3	30.7

BUILDING, ROADS

373	143	Ashley	220	240				
490	314	Amec	477	480	-1	17.3	4.6	10.6
473	348	Anglo Scr	458	473	-2	34	0.7	27.4
66	38	Anglo Utd	45	48		1.3	2.8	20.4
208	90	Arlington	185	200	-5	5.5	2.7	15.5
315	242	Attwoods	277	287	+1	9.3	3.2	12.6
399	246	BPB Ind (aa)	385	395	+3	13.3	3.4	10.8
329	240	Buggeridge Brick	288	296		5.6	1.7	30.7
89	53	Bunzl (Nthn)	77	80		1.9	2.5	16.4
216	170	Barratt Devs	175	180	+3	12.6	7.1	11.7
263	181	Bellway	232	237		11.0	4.7	11.3
113	95	Bmbrnrch	91	96	-1	3.9	3.1	8.5
284	248	Berkeley Gp	307	315	+1	4.7	1.5	11.0
204	158	Bett Bros	178	180		6.5	3.6	12.6
480	320	Blackwd	395	415	-5	20.3	5.3	11.2
477	403	Blue Circle (aa)	457	463	+5	28.0	6.3	10.9
280	214	Bovis (Hldgs)	262	265		9.3	3.5	11.1
195	167	Brentan PLC	175	175		6.7	3.8	12.8
176	109	Br Dredging	144	150		6.9	4.7	12.0
155½	128	Brown	138	138		4.4	3.3	16.0
148	116	Cllw	130	135				
152	104	Cakebread Robey	128	135		5.1	4.0	22.7
355	256	Caradon	338	345	-1	10.7	3.1	12.9
140	100	Church Charles	113	118	+2	4.3	3.1	12.6
205	195	Clarke Nickolls	195	200		7.5	3.8	12.8
157	115	Costain PLC	145	150		7.4	5.6	8.1
336	250	Costain	315	318	-1	13.2	4.2	13.0
315	200	Countryside	290	298		3.0	1.0	14.4
235	185	Crest Nicholson	228	231	+1	8.3	4.0	10.6
73	23	Crouch (David)	70	72		2.1	2.9	11.2
297	226	Douglas (Wm)	293	297		5.7b	1.9	23.1
41	23	Eamond Hldgs	36	38		1.1	3.0	17.5
71	49	Ernn	60	67		1.9	3.1	12.8
209	175	Fairclough Hldg	203	207		6.9	3.3	12.0
110	75	Fairclough	95	100		3.0	3.1	17.3
76	59	Galliford	67	69	-1	3.8	5.6	15.2
263	210	Gallos & Dandy Ord	255	265		3.6	1.4	34.0
73	50	Glanfield (MJ)	65	70		2.5	3.6	18.1
265	205	Gleeson (M J)	260	270		9.1	3.4	13.5
126	90	Hawden Stuart	121	123		3.7	3.2	12.5
313	259	Heywood Williams	282	288	+3	13.3	4.7	10.4
291	251	Higgs & Hill	269	275		10.5	3.8	9.6
90	67	How Gp	83	88		4.1	4.8	10.9
70	52	Howard Hldgs	58	62		1.7	2.8	10.2
203	141	Hoskins Johnson	187	198		5.5	2.9	12.3
188	87	James (J) & Sons	180	187				
358	231	Land (J)	303	307	+1	9.5	3.1	9.0
183	117	Lawrence (Walter)	166	169	+1	6.5	3.9	10.6
56	38	Lilley (FJG)	54	56				
269	218	Lilley Bros (Hldgs)	245	248	+5	7.0	2.8	12.6
203	156	Magnet (aa)	235	240	+5	9.2	3.9	12.6
263	147½	Mandale	197	200	+1	7.3	3.7	22.2
162	128	Marley	155	160	+1	6.9	4.4	11.3
262	225½	Marshalls (Halifax)	248	253		9.7	3.8	12.1
136	78	Maunders (J)	125	128		4.3	3.4	11.6
509	387	McAlpine (Alfred)	425	433	+2	21.5	5.0	8.6
497	418	McCarthy & S	430	436		5.7	1.3	13.0
437	341	Meyer Int	413	417	+14	12.7	3.0	13.6
257	56	Miller (Stanley)	236	240	+7	7.7	3.2	
438	347	Monteith (Joan)	375	380		23.6	6.2	9.9
160	11	MSAI	95	98	+1			
17	10½	Nenarthil	16	17		18.2	12.1	41.4
187	172	Norman Tanks	175	175		7.3	4.2	10.5
155	110	Pentaman	170	173	+½	4.1	2.4	13.8
119	86	Phoenix Timber	112	115	+4	3.3	2.9	11.3
743	715	Pochins	720	750		21.9	3.0	8.1
194	165	Ransomes	191	191				
499	422	RMC Gp (aa)	477	482	+6	15.1	3.1	11.4
111	82	Rank Ind	97	98		2.7	2.8	20.0
447	388	Redland (aa)	433	437	+5	21.1	4.9	10.1
268	217	Rugby Cmnt	263	267	+2	9.4	3.5	11.2
249	177	Rugby Group	131	134	+2	5.7	4.3	11.9
295	223	Scottish Portland	245	252		9.4	3.7	11.8
262	173	Sharpe & Fisher	220	230		5.5	2.4	15.1
162	119	Shaw (J)	125	130		4.3	3.3	12.1
355	276	Steetley	335	337	+2	12.3	3.6	12.0
265	212	Tarmac (aa)	255	257	+2	9.9	4.2	11.2
269	208	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	262	263		10.8	4.1	10.1
409	290	Tilbury Group	382	385		12.6	3.3	12.8
353	263	Travis & Arnold	353	353		8.9	2.5	13.2
188	80	Trafalgar	184	187		2.0	1.1	27.8
165	135	Ward Group	165	165	+5	5.9	3.3	14.3
184	159	Ward Hldgs	164	173		3.3	2.0	10.8
323	280	Wards Blake	312	316		8.4	2.7	14.9
268	203	Wates	238	243		7.3	3.0	10.9
278	150	Wiggins	278	280	+3	8.7	3.1	11.6
253	143	Wilson Bowden	245	247		5.8	2.4	13.6
235	159½	Wilson (Connolly)	185	190		5.7	3.4	14.3
276	221	Wimpey G (aa)	257	260		9.3	3.6	11.0
128	111	YRM	124	125	+1	4.8	3.1	11.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

144	106	Allied Colloids	128	130		3.1	2.4	14.5
677	441	Amersham	616	623	-3	19.3	3.1	19.9
130	100	BTR	117	118	-2	8.3	5.5	14.0
368	272	Bakelite	360	364				
192	145	Blagden	183	188	+1	10.6	5.7	13.4
186	118	Brent Chemns	148	152	+1	7.1b	4.7	13.6
244	199	Canning (W)	214	222	+1	7.3	3.3	11.2
234	185	Coalite	234	238		10.1	4.2	11.7
355	295	Coates Bros	353	358		10.6	3.0	10.7
213	173	Croda	204	206	+1	12.3	6.0	13.5
398	346	Ellis & Everard	395	398	+7	7.5	3.8	13.9
34	21	European Colour	31	31				
192	149	Evode	177	181		6.2	3.5	15.0
276	205	Fenner	264	268	+4	14.5	5.5	11.8
256	216	Halstead (James)	238	241		9.7	4.0	10.8
152	136	Hickson	148	150	+2	8.3	5.6	10.1
298	194	Imp Chem Ind	284	285				
11½	9⅞	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	10¼	10½		57.3	5.6	9.7
448	360	Laporte (aa)	426	429	-1	16.6	3.9	12.8
257	159	Lawtex	236	240	-1	7.5	3.2	18.6
19½	12	Marsh Hydro	16½					
183	130	Phrsa	173	178		3.1	1.8	19.0
295	265	Reabrook Hldgs	270	280		5.8	2.0	26.3
190	172	Rentokil	188	190		3.5	1.8	30.1
55	41	Normans	50	51		2.9	4.8	12.0
318	243	Nthn Foods (aa)	290	295		13.3	4.5	11.9
168	122	Ropner & Peacock	160	164		5.9	3.6	14.6
105	78	Rotaprint	83	88		6.6	7.5	11.6
105	78	Rotaprint	83	88				
480	303	RMM (aa)	450	452	+2	12.0	2.7	18.7
19½	11	Rowntree (aa)	19½	19½		20.7	1.9	27.3
250	211	Sandoz (aa)	247	248	+1	6.8	2.7	19.1
175	130	Schroder (Chas)	173	176		5.5	3.1	16.2
880	750	Tate & Lyle (aa)	848	855	+3	27.0	4.3	11.8
180	85	Tavener Rutledge	90	100		1.2	1.8	12.0
171	141	Tecnis (aa)	148	150	+1	3.8	2.6	14.2
138	130	Thornton	130	135	+1			
345	252	Unigate (aa)	310	313	+4	16.9	5.4	12.5
320	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	296	299		15.1	5.1	12.7
230	185	Watson & Philp	205	215		11.1	5.3	15.5

DRAPERY, STORES

404	337	Alexon	377	382		10.7	2.8	12.4
88	31	Amber Day	75	78	+2			
95	67	Associated Nwpt	75	78		4.1	5.3	14.1
135	88	Atka	127	132	-1	6.0	4.6	16.5
211	217	Allgatamic	200	208	+3	4.7	1.5	41.4
2361	113	Amstrad (aa)	230	233	+3	1.7	0.5	130.2
127	93	Aprcrt Computers	118	120	+2	2.7	2.1	12.2
170	110	Arlan	116	118	+1	4.8b	3.5	9.7
515	336	Arthur Camp	495	503	+3	9.6	1.9	14.3
144	77	Audio Fidelity	128	134		0.7	0.5	17.1
280	222	Auto Sec	270	274		3.1	1.1	17.0
88	35	Beacon Gp	35	40		1.0	2.7	
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	38	38		1.6	4.2	11.9
378	301	BICC (aa)	354	357	+3	17.3	4.9	16.3
256	205	BSR	243	245		12.3	5.0	7.4
263	210	Black	260	260		6.1	2.3	15.0
135	85	Borland	103	110	+1			
172	135	Brentford	172	175		4.5b	2.6	13.1
194	149	Brightpnt	189	192	+1	5.9	3.1	14.7
178	124	Britannia Security	169	169		3.7	2.2	13.5
329	241	Br Telecom (aa)	329	331		16.0	4.8	13.3
19	12	Bulen (AF) 'A'	18	20		0.3	1.5	13.3
298	206	CAP Group	298	298		9.2	3.1	13.3
307	191	CSR	304	307	+2	10.0	3.3	10.1
129	53	CASE	125	127		3.9	3.1	18.1
288	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	285	288	+5	8.9	2.3	18.1
258	193	Cambridge Elec	255	255	+1	11.6	4.6	11.5
54	36	Cambridge Instr	54	56		1.0	1.8	17.7
56	34	Chloride	56	56	+2	2.7	4.7	15.4
65½	47	Comptek	65	65		2.6	4.0	22.6
243	200	Cray Elect	235	238	+3	7.9	3.3	17.6
163	111	Cumulex	158	160		7.8	4.9	7.6
83	58	DDT Group	72	82		1.6	2.1	13.7

ELECTRICALS

450	340	AB Elect	433	442	-2	18.5	4.2	18.4
111	81	ABB Kent	98	102	+1			
173	67	Advanced Comp	145	147	-1	4.0	2.8	18.1
135	88	Alba	127	132		6.0	4.6	16.5
211	217	Allgatamic	200	208	+3	4.7	1.5	41.4
2361	113	Amstrad (aa)	230	233	+3	1.7	0.5	130.2
127	93	Aprcrt Computers	118	120	+2	2.7	2.1	12.2
170	110	Arlan	116	118	+1	4.8b	3.5	9.7
515	336	Arthur Camp	495	503	+3	9.6	1.9	14.3
144	77	Audio Fidelity	128	134		0.7	0.5	17.1
280	222	Auto Sec	270	274		3.1	1.1	17.0
88	35	Beacon Gp	35	40		1.0	2.7	
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	38	38		1.6	4.2	11.9
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56	34	Chloride	56	56	+2	2.7	4.7	15.4
65½	47	Comptek	65	65		2.6	4.0	22.6
243	200	Cray Elect	235	238	+3	7.9	3.3	17.6
163	111	Cumulex	158	160		7.8	4.9	7.6
83	58	DDT Group	72	82		1.6	2.1	13.7

FINANCE, LAND

255	192	Ainsworth	242	247		17	0.7	
106	55	Anglo Maur	77	82	-1	3.3	4.1	15.7
314	205	Arlington	311	316	+13	13.7	4.4	9.2
87	70	Arc Properties	81	82		2.5	3.0	35.8
333	240	Ashtenby Inv	255	260	+5	8.0	3.0	12.1
199	163	Berkeley Cavndl	185	190	+5			
343	228	Br Commonwith (aa)	240	245	+3	11.0	4.5	10.3
138	91	Burn, Anderson	110	115	+1	5.0	4.4	17.4
21	17	Camellia	20	21		2.0	3.1	11.4
400	265	Cardiard	285	290		12.3	4.3	10.1
175	130	Cattedown	170	170		5.3	3.1	16.2
598	413	Chesterfld Int	553	540	-3	17.8	3.2	11.8
466	396	Haven&Thompson	434	445		14.1	3.2	11.7
103	96	Control Sec Inv	96	100		3.0	3.0	13.3
145	111	Derby & Some	125	130		7.7	6.0	15.3
26	26	LIT	24	30		2.0	6.9	14.3
211	180	Mauldc	200	203	+1	6.9	4.4	11.0
160	105	Nat Home Loans	110	120	-2	5.0	7.8	10.3
75	53	Newmarket	65	70				
355	180	Parrish Plc	175	205		13	8.7	23.3
165	110	Silvermines Plc	157	162	-5			
82	66	Sinclr & Frnd	83	86	+1	3.8	2.6	14.2
143	105	Templeton Gortn	128	133	-1	4.3	3.3	9.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

17½	11½	American Express	16¾	-	+⅛	-	-	-
109	64	Argyle	83	90		4.1	4.7	22.8
118	88	Britannia Arwar	105	108		7.5	7.0	8.0
40	26½	Daily Mail	39	39	+1	9.7	3.1	13.9
210	175	Electra	200	205	+1	6.4	3.1	41.0
230	170	Electra Gp	224	228	+3	7.2	3.2	17.3
178	131	GT Management	152	157	+2	8.7	4.3	7.8
135	110	Govett Strat	126	136	-1	4.4	3.2	15.6
805	640	Henderson Admin	685	715	+15	38.0	5.1	8.7
105	84	ICM	100	104	+3	12.3	9.6	8.2
111	88	MAI	93	96		5.5	5.8	
280	280	MAM	335	355	+10	16.0	4.6	8.8
408	364	M & G	377	382	+3	10.0	2.6	18.3
49	34	Prudential	45	47		2.0	4.3	20.7
193	150	Smith New Court	168	168	+3	10.7	5.5	9.5
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	135	136		6.9	5.0	13.3

FOODS

322	274	AB Food (aa)	313	318	+1	11.1	3.5	10.5
183	148	ASDA Group (aa)	152	156	+1	5.5	3.6	12.2
60	33	Alpine Group	42	47	+2			
80	53	Apoteknrs Hldgs	75	75		4.1	5.9	25.3
212	181	Argyll (aa)	186	190	+2	7.1	3.8	14.4
191	151	Assoc Fisheries	163	168	+1	6.7	4.0	16.6
220	185	Banks (Sidney C)	200	210		9.3	4.5	9.6
153	125	Barker & Dobson	138	142	+3	4.6	3.4	13.9
168	145	Bells (Arthur)	165	168	+5	6.1	3.6	14.8
381	195	Bassett Foods	377	382	+5	10.4	2.7	11.9
98	78	Barkers	95	98		3.7	3.8	13.7
195	163	Bibby	170	173		6.9	4.0	14.7
195	163	Bibby (J)	170	173		6.9	4.0	14.7
417	347	Booker	388	397		21.3	5.4	14.0
74	42	Bortwick	63	66		0.7	1.1	
236	163	Brent Bros	229	234	-1	3.7	1.6	20.6
253	188	Cadbury Schwp (aa)	237	237	+3	9.0	3.8	20.0
253	188	Dairy Maling	248	258		9.7	3.8	9.0
507	470	Cadbury Dalmes	485	495		12.1	2.5	24.3
201	178	Dp 'A'	218	223	+1	12.1	5.5	11.0
88	53	Cartiers	67	68				
388	272	Dalgety (aa)	337	340	+4	19.2	5.7	13.7
117	76	Daniels S	75	80		4.5	5.8	16.2
213	169	Dee (aa)	170	173	+1	11.3	6.6	11.3
83	39	Eggland (J)	65	70	+5			
231	183	Evans Halsh	210	215		7.1	3.3	12.1
116	90	Fisher (A)	100	106		3.2	3.0	10.7
300	257	Fauh Lovell	278	285	+2	16.0	5.6	13.3
305	240	Firthdale	280	280		9.2	3.3	23.8
298	240	Geest	291	291		15.5	5.3	13.0
260	215	Hazlewood Foods	228	232		8.5	3.7	15.2
268	236	Hillsdown (aa)	263	267	+8	6.5	2.4	13.9
198	156	Hunter Saphir	178	183		6.4	3.6	10.6
258	215	Hutchison (aa)	253	253		9.3	3.7	12.2
370	298	Irish Sweet	348	363	+1	9.7	2.7	18.4
230	65	Lees (John J)	115	115		2.5	2.1	19.2
153	120	Lovell (CP)	140	145		3.8	2.6	11.2
660	560	Matthews (Bernard)	620	630		25.0	4.0	12.8
98	76	Matthews (Bernard)	78	83	-1	2.4	3.0	11.4
200	198	Meat Trade Supp	200	215		5.0	2.3	16.0
277	238	Morrison (W)	268	264		8.7	3.0	15.7
231	204	Nthn Foods (Wm)	220	224		9.1	4.1	14.4
497	448	Beecham (aa)	478	482	+7	19.1	4.0	14.5
68	39	Beaver	48	50		1.1	2.2	42.6
384	314	Bejam	364	364	+1	6.7	2.2	19.8
83	75	Bestwood	80	80				7.5
317	118	Bibby (J)	165	175		11.3	6.6	7.8
185	116	Bellam (J)	168	176		5.5	3.2	
425	305	Bernrd Quatcast	408	412	+1	12.7	3.1	23.8
503	385	Birmingham Mint	480	488	+2	10.8	2.2	27.1
107	87	Black

FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Maria Scott

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	3.50	3.66	2.93	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	6.88	7.09	5.67	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	8.38	8.38	6.70	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	7.05	7.06	5.65	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	8.00	8.00	6.40	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	7.10	7.10	5.68	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2605
" " "	7.39	7.39	5.91	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2605
NatWest	7.50	7.50	6.00	2,000-no max	3 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	7.88	7.88	6.30	2,000-no max	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.67	7.95	6.36	2,500-no max	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c[1]	6.88	7.05	5.84	2,500-no max	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save[2]	5.00	5.71	4.57	500-no max	none	01 626 6543
Lloyds HICA	6.10	6.27	5.02	1,000-no max	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	6.75	6.92	5.54	2,000-no max	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	4.25	4.32	3.46	500-no max	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.21	7.41	5.93	2,500-no max	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	7.50	7.50	6.00	2,000-no max	none	01-600 6000
Girobank	6.75	6.75	5.40	1,000-no max	none	051 966 2076
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	—	
Best buy — largest socs:						
Woolwich	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	none	—
Britannia	6.90	6.90	5.52	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	7.00	7.00	5.60	500 min	—	—
Britannia	7.70	7.70	6.16	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	7.80	7.80	6.24	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Bolton	7.90	7.90	6.32	500 min	none	—
The Hendon	8.00	8.00	6.40	500 min	30 day	—
Tynemouth	8.25	8.25	6.60	500 min	60 day	—
The Scottish	8.35	8.35	6.68	500 min	90 day	—
Mercantile	8.00	8.00	6.40	4,200 min	6 mnth	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	4.25	4.25	3.40	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	4.25	4.25	3.40	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	4.75	4.75	3.80	500 min		balances
Compiled by Chase de Vere Moneyline - call 01 404 5766 for further details						
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c[4]	8.50	6.38	5.10	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond[5]	9.00	6.75	5.40	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond[5]	9.00	6.75	5.40	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	8.50	8.50	6.80	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General Portfolio	8.50	8.50	6.80	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
Premium Life	8.60	8.60	6.88	10,000 min	3 yrs	0444 458721
American Life	8.75	8.75	7.00	10,000 min	4 yrs	01 680 6000
Regency Life Assurance	9.00	9.00	7.20	10,000 min	5 yrs	01 831 7481

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (June 87–88)	+4.5%	Spanish Pesetas:	207.50
Bank Base Rate	11%	French Francs:	10.75
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachmas:	252.00
Credit Card	23.1%	Italian Lire:	2350.00

*All cheque/deposits must be at least £250 *£3 quarterly service charge *2.5% for balances below £500 firm: 5.70 of interest for free instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less * Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable (net/ gross.

FIRST TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Bexhill on Sea 0424 210542	11.50	to £60,000	95	Interest only for first five years
Britannia 0538 399399	11.50	to £100,000	95	Helpstart endowment policy 0.5% off rate for 1st year
National & Provincial 01 405 3696	11.50	to £160,000	85-95	Endowment policy 0.5% discount for 1st year
BANKS				
Amro Bank 01-638 2700	11.125	min £50,000 max £80,000	100	
OTHER				
Household Mortgage Corp 0494 459100	11.95	min £25,000 max £90,000	100	Figures supplied by Bay's Outdoor Ltd: telephone 0753 80492.

'Stick to the rules' on advice and fees



Monro: "thorny" issues

Independent intermediaries have been reminded that the prospect of a fee must never influence the advice they give to a client. The reminder has come from the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) in a list of guidelines to members to help them keep to the straight and narrow under the new investor-protection rules.

Fiona Monro, communications director at Fimbra, says the guidelines were needed because of some "thorny" issues, one of them being that of investment products from companies such as Equitable Life which do not pay commission to intermediaries. The rules laid down by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) under the Financial Services Act on "best advice" are that an investment adviser must recommend the most suitable product for a client.

Ms Monro says there was uncertainty about how intermediaries — who make their living largely from commissions — might act if faced with a choice between a product which paid commission and one which did not. The Fimbra guidelines state that where a non-commission-paying product appears to be best for the client, the intermediary can ask for a fee, to make up for the loss of commission. "Members must take care to ensure that their recommendations are made on the basis of the client's best interest and not on the basis of the income generated for the member," says the advice.

"If a non-commission-paying life office has a contract which offers the same benefit to the client at a fractionally lower cost than a similar contract offered by a commission-paying office, it would be proper for a member to take into account a fee (within the relevant commission scale) which he might reasonably charge for his advice."

Fimbra also says that intermediaries must take investment trusts into account when considering investment opportunities.

Investment trusts do not pay commission and they have complained that for this reason, they are often overlooked by intermediaries in favour of unit trusts, which do provide a cut for the middle man. Intermediaries are also reminded by Fimbra of the obligations they have to research their subject, in order to be able to give best advice to clients.

"Members will be expected at least to study authoritative financial journals; to be aware of the technical aspects of the various products available; and to be aware of the nature and past performance of the investments they are considering."

The guidelines add: "The association will take note, through compliance visits and the investigation of complaints received, of the steps taken by members to inform themselves about their clients, the markets and their suppliers.

"In cases where there appears to be an undue reliance on one type of product or on a restricted number of suppliers, members will be required to justify their actions."

Maria Scott

If you think you know as much as the professionals, test yourself here

Are you an expert?

Financial advisers will soon have to pass exams before they can be let loose on the public. The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers regulatory Association is gradually feeling its way towards an examination system. A former chief executive of Fimbra, John Grant, is looking at existing forms of testing and how they might be developed into a test for all.

The only organizations with any form of comprehensive testing that might be adapted as industry-wide standards are the Examination Board for Financial Planning, an offshoot of an American organization, which is running a study and examination course in the UK, the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) and the Life Insurance Association (LIA).

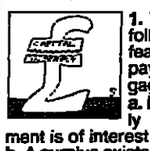
The CII and the LIA focus on life insurance and pensions to serve the needs of their members. The examination board of the College of Financial Planning is setting out to provide a wide-ranging exam scheme, which could be adopted as a test of competence by Fimbra. It is run alongside the College for Financial Planning.

In the exams set this year, the pass rate was 72 per cent in January and 47 per cent in May. Keith Blundell, the college's chief executive, says the high pass rate for the first exam was probably because many of the candidates were senior men taking the course in order to evaluate it for use within their own organizations.

The questions here are the kind that financial advisers have to tackle.

Answers on page 31.

Vivien Goldsmith



1. Which of the following is a feature of a repayment mortgage?
a. Every monthly loan repayment is of interest only.
b. A surplus exists at the end of the term.
c. Every monthly loan repayment comprises part capital and part interest.
d. They are offered primarily by banks.

2. Which one of the following is the best description of Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (Miras)?
a. For loans up to £30,000, relief is given for the highest rate of tax by deducting an amount equal to the highest rate of tax on the interest element.
b. For loans up to £30,000, relief is given for basic rate tax by deducting an amount equal to the basic rate tax on the interest element.
c. For loans up to £50,000 relief is given for the highest rate of tax by deducting an amount equal to the highest rate of tax on the interest element.
d. For loans up to £50,000 relief is given for basic-rate tax by deducting an amount equal to the basic-rate tax on the interest element.

3. Which of the following is a feature of whole life assurance?
a. The death benefit is payable whenever death occurs.
b. It is appropriate for mortgage protection.
c. It provides cover if death occurs within a pre-selected period.
d. Premium payments are kept low relative to other types of assurance.



4. Which of the following is a feature of term assurance?
a. The term can be extended without evidence of good health.
b. Both a surrender value and a paid-up value are provided.
c. It is an inexpensive form of life assurance in relation to the sum assured.
d. Policies are available with a level sum assured only.

5. Which of the following is a feature of a permanent health-insurance policy effected by an individual?
a. The insurer can withdraw from cover whenever the assured's health declines.
b. Payments under the policy in the first instance are treated as a trading receipt.
c. They have no limits on the amount of cover available.
d. No income tax arises on payments under the policy for the first fiscal year.

6. The deferred period in a permanent health insurance policy is the period of time . . .
a. during which a person who takes out a policy can change his or her mind and avoid the contract.
b. that must elapse before payment of premium is waived by the insurance company.
c. after which the insurance company pays all covered expenses.
d. The insured must wait before policy benefits begin.

7. One feature of a small self-administered pension scheme is that the . . .



a. appointment of a pensioneer trustee is required.
b. scheme must be invested on a fully insured basis.
c. scheme fund is prohibited from buying shares of the company.
d. amount and timing of contributions is inflexible.

8. One feature of a private charitable trust is that . . .
a. transfers are reversible.
b. accounts must be filed annually with the charity commission.
c. tax advantages for transfers are available only to UK charities.

Float hopes sinking

Any hopes investors might have had of a string of imminent overnight profits from flotation of the big building societies, receded further this week, *writes Maria Scott.*

The Leeds Permanent followed the country's largest society, the Halifax, by saying it would not become a public company after all, at least, not for the time being.

Now the Abbey stands alone as the only society to have decided it wants to convert, although even its decision rests with its members.

If the Abbey does get the green light it could float next summer but it now looks as though this may be the only building society share issue for the foreseeable future. Other societies, including the Alliance & Leicester and the National & Provincial, are still considering conversion. But much of the financial pressure that societies were under a year ago has eased and with it the urgency to lose their mutual status.

Share issues from the large building societies promise big pickings for the members who qualify for preferential treatment. And even those who would be excluded from the vote to go public (those under 18 and people with less than £100 in their accounts for two years) will get a "one-off" compensation payment.

When the Abbey finalises the details of its conversion, members will be told who is to qualify for preferential treatment.

Dr John Wriglesworth, building societies analyst at stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, says all may not be lost for those hopeful of organizing a windfall profit. Ultimately, societies will still find themselves constrained by the restrictions on their activities. He and John Ginarlis, building societies analyst at Banque Paribas Capital Markets, believe societies may reconsider in a few years.

However, decisions will also be influenced by developments on new methods of raising capital.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401 St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	11.85	12.45	+0.01	..
Bear	12.77	13.42	+0.13	..
Owl	15.18	15.58	+0.20	..
Bull	13.64	14.36	+0.16	..
Stag	14.17	14.92	+0.18	..
Gilt Edged	11.8		+0.1	..
Deposit	10.85			..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.42	14.13	+0.01	..
Bear	14.30	15.06	+0.22	..
Owl	18.55	19.53	+0.34	..
Bull	16.38	17.35	+0.27	..
Stag	16.66	17.54	+0.24	..
Gilt Edged	13.03		+0.09	..
Deposit	11.94		+0.01	..
Exempt Acc Mixed	181.6	195.3	+2.41	..

ABBEY LIFE
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund Inc	251.2	264.5	+0.2	..
Do Accum	363.7	382.9	+0.3	..
Equity Fund Income	119.6	121.7	-2.4	..
Do Accum	131.2	138.2	-2.6	..
Selective Fund	288.2	303.4	-3.1	..
Money Fund	243.3	256.2	+0.2	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	129.4	136.2	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	123.5	130.0	-2.1	..
Man Ser 4	373.9	393.6	-4.3	..
Cony Ser 4	217.5	229.0	+0.1	..
Money Ser 4	217.3	228.8	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	211.8	223.0	-1.4	..
American Ser 4	254.5	267.9	-4.9	..
High Inc Ser 4	375.6	395.6	-4.9	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	120.9	127.3	-1.1	..
Japan Ser 4	272.9	287.3	-5.3	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Dollars Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Fd Acc	903.5	951.0	-6.8	..
European Fd Accum	153.0	203.1	-2.9	..
Fixed Int Acc	332.4	349.8	-2.2	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	221.4	233.0	+0.3	..
Int Man Fd Acc	351.0	369.5	-5.9	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	193.8	204.0	-1.9	..
Japan Fund	294.4	309.8	-5.0	..
Nth American Fd Acc	158.2	166.4	-5.6	..
Prop Fd Acc	276.2	290.7	-4.5	..
Multiple Inv Acc	613.3	645.5	-5.7	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28091

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fixed Int Dep Accum	245.4	259.4	+0.4	..
Equity Accum	756.2	796.1	-1.9	..
Property Accum	428.5	451.1	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	182.0	191.6	+0.5	..
Managed Capital	347.4	365.7	-0.9	..
Do Accum	595.6	627.0	-1.4	..
Overseas Accum	487.2	512.9	-1.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	304.9	320.1	-1.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	366.9	386.3	-1.6	..
Amer Man Accum	174.3	183.5	-1.6	..
Amer Prop Accum	131.1	138.0	+0.7	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Growth	301.8	317.7	+1.48	..
Managed Income	136.7	143.9	+1.96	..
International	178.9	188.3	+0.56	..
High Income	203.1	213.8	+1.71	..
Income & Growth	278.8	293.5	+10.57	..
Basic Resource	115.7	121.8	-0.12	..
American	164.7	173.4	-1.47	..
Japan & General	447.0	470.5	+1.58	..
Special Situations	242.5	255.2	+2.92	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252 Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Accum	569.1	598.6	..	..
Do Initial	455.1	483.3	..	..
Gtt Edged Accum	231.4	243.6	..	..
Do Initial	192.9	203.1	..	..
International Accum	156.2	166.6	-140.8	..
Do Initial	253.3	238.2	..	..
Managed Accum	359.1	378.0	..	..
Do Initial	296.3	311.9	..	..
Money Accum	192.5	202.7	..	..
Do Initial	154.6	162.8	..	..
Property Accum	264.0	277.9	..	..
Do Initial	216.5	228.1	..	..
America Accum	160.8	169.3	..	..
S Ex Global	133.5	140.5	..	..
Australia Accum	179.0	184.3	-1.6	..
Do Initial	145.6	154.4	..	..
Financial Accum	249.9	263.1	-1.9	..
Do Initial	205.3	220.4	..	..
500 Accum	302.0	317.9	-1.5	..
Do Initial	250.0	263.2	..	..
Japan Aden Acc 2	405.8	427.2	-6.8	..
Do Initial 2	336.9	356.8	..	..
Income Accum	311.2	327.6	-2.2	..
Do Initial	258.2	272.9	..	..
Emerging Accum	104.1	109.7	..	..
Special Sits Accum	158.5	166.9	-2.0	..
Unit Trust Accum	111.0	116.9	-2.0	..
Do Initial	94.8	101.9	..	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
Marathon House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
The Managed Fund	448.41		+4.56	..
Income Fund	441.1	468.5	+5.90	..
Extra Income Fund	414.8	436.7	+4.05	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	316.2	332.8	+3.17	..
Balanced Fund	363.1	382.2	+5.38	..
Smlr Cos A Rc Fd	352.9	581.9	+8.06	..
Int Technology Fund	313.8	330.3	+2.89	..
N Amer & Can Fund	223.2	334.9	+3.61	..
Energy Int Fund	124.9	131.5	+1.01	..
Pacific Basin Fund	283.8	298.8	+2.00	..
German Growth Fd	99.82	105.0	+1.73	..
Japan Growth Fd	187.6	197.5	-1.13	..
The UK Gth Fd	132.1	139.1	+1.60	..
Cont Euro Gth	56.97	70.50	+1.00	..
Property Fund	234.1	246.4	+0.38	..
Fixed Interest Fund	210.7	221.7	+1.21	..
Cash Fund	189.5	199.5	+0.03	..
Managed Int Fund	283.4	298.3	+2.90	..
Nth Amer Recov	117.3	123.5	+1.19	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts.
P Bar 51122

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Growth	165.1			..
Managed	198.2	208.7	-2.3	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property	152.4	160.5	+0.3	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	150.8	158.8	-0.5	..
Index-Linked	124.9	131.5	+1.2	..
Equity	218.5	230.0	-3.2	..
Cash	150.4	158.4	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	213.4	224.7	-3.0	..
Midland Bk Int	215.4	226.8	-3.8	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Units	£79.23		-0.60	..
Property Units	£27.27			..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.61	40.86	-0.35	..
2nd Equity Accum	331.0	413.8	-3.5	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	312.4	394.1	-2.6	..
2nd Property Accum	263.1	278.4	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	122.9	130.1	-0.3	..
2nd Managed Acc	275.0	291.0	-2.4	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	119.1	126.0	-1.3	..
2nd Deposit Accum	191.3	202.4	+0.3	..
2nd Gtt Accum	198.0	209.5	-1.5	..
2nd Amer Accum	201.1	284.0	-4.4	..
2nd Int'l Money Ac	193.4	204.7	+0.3	..
2nd Indx Accum	117.3	124.1	+0.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	238.8	252.7	-4.3	..
2nd Global Accum	85.2	90.2	-2.3	..
2nd Euro Accum	81.3	86.0	+0.5	..
2nd Japan Accum	152.3	161.2	-1.9	..
2nd Heritage Acc	97.7	103.4	..	..
2nd Int Curr Bond	92.9	98.3	-0.3	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc				..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House 500 Avebury Blvd.
Mill Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund	160.7	169.2	..	..
Money Fund	251.5	264.9	+0.4	..
Managed Fund	459.8	484.0	-1.7	..
Equity Fund	345.5	363.7	-1.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	161.1	169.6	-2.3	..
Far East Fund	240.3	253.0	-3.5	..
Nth Amer Fund	134.2	130.8	-1.6	..
Nat Resources Fund	192.5	202.7	-2.0	..
Alexandra Fund	112.1	118.0	..	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Insurance Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mixed	158.5	166.9	-2.5	..
Equity	193.4	203.6	-3.8	..
Property	163.7	172.4	+1.6	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	126.5	133.2	-0.8	..
Indexed Secs	101.8	107.0	-1.1	..
Cash	121.9	128.4	+0.2	..
Nth American	100.9	106.3	-3.5	..
Far East	151.6	159.6	-4.2	..
International	118.9	125.2	-2.8	..
Special Sits	170.5	179.5	-2.9	..
Intl Income	166.7	175.5	-2.6	..
American Inc	104.5	110.1	-2.7	..
European	143.9	151.5	-3.5	..
Japanese	115.9	122.1	-2.8	..
SE Asia	138.0	145.3	-2.9	..
Home Inv WP Reg	96.8	101.9	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	96.8	101.9	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	156.9	165.2	-3.5	..
Equity	176.6	185.9	-5.6	..
Property	149.6	157.5	+1.4	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	143.4	151.0	-0.7	..
Index Linked	108.4	114.2	-0.7	..
Cash	136.3	143.5	+0.2	..
Nth American	109.3	115.1	-4.5	..
Far East Acc	201.9	212.5	-5.2	..
International Acc	138.5	145.8	-4.1	..
Special Sits	248.6	261.7	-6.9	..
European Flex	176.4	185.7	-4.5	..

COLONIAL MUTUAL
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9861

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CML U Ass Key	175.43		+4.44	..
CML U Ass Pacemkr	291.82		+8.32	..
CML U Ass Cash	137.6	144.8	..	..
CML U Ass Equity	336.2	353.9	..	..
CML U Ass Ftl	210.9	222.0	..	..
CML U Ass Mngd	254.2	267.6	..	..
CML U Ass Prop	334.6	352.2	..	..
CMU(Pen)Cash Cap	136.9	144.2	..	..
CMU(Pen)Cash Inv	160.6	169.0	..	..
CMU(Pen) Eqty Cap	757.2	797.1	..	..
CMU(Pen)Eqty Inv	887.9	934.6	..	..
CMU(Pen) Fixd Cap	235.6	248.1	..	..
CMU(Pen) Fixd Inv	276.3	290.9	..	..
CMU(Pen)Indx Cap	138.7	146.0	..	..
CMU(Pen)Indx Inv	162.7	171.2	..	..
CMU(Pen) Man Cap	358.0	376.9	..	..
CMU(Pen) Man Inv	419.8	441.9	..	..

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Var Ann Accum (5)	330.88		+2.17	..
Var Ann (5)	93.99		+0.61	..
Prime- Managed	252.3	265.6	-2.4	..
Prime- UK Equity	304.0	320.0	-3.3	..
Prime- Int Equity	145.2	152.7	-3.0	..
Prime- Property	157.4	165.7	+1.0	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	157.3	165.5	-0.9	..
Prime- Index-Linked	107.0	112.7	-0.9	..
Prime- Cash	133.6	140.7	+0.1	..

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Fund	704.0	741.0	-1.9	..
Equity Fund	987.2	1039.1	-4.8	..
PIP Fund	£30.682		-0.09	..

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Life Managed Acc	343.3	361.3	-6.6	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	245.1	258.0	-2.5	..
Life Equity Accum	423.1	445.3	-8.9	..
Life Money Accum	195.7	205.9	+0.3	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	439.8	462.9	-3.8	..
Life Intl Accum	338.0	345.2	-8.4	..
Life High Inc Accum	457.9	482.0	-11.7	..
Life Property Accum	207.7	218.6	+0.1	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	643.6	699.1	..	..
Brown Equity	703.2	740.2	..	..
DBS Managed	212.9	224.1	..	..
Crown Accum	254.5	278.4	+3.4	..

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Measured perf	98.4	102.0	-0.3	..
Performance Plus	92.1	97.5	-0.4	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
With Profit Perf	107.5	113.8	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	125.4	132.7	-0.4	..
Euro Opportunity	87.1	92.2	-0.2	..
North Amer Opp	85.7	90.7	+0.1	..
Far East Opp	101.8	107.7	-0.8	..
Gtn Prop Series 1	168.7	177.6	..	..
Gtn Prop Series 2	129.6	137.1	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	106.6	112.8	-0.8	..
Cash	105.0	111.1	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	343.2	344.5	..	..
Overseas	85.5	90.5	-0.6	..

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Secure Fund	114.4	120.5	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	146.4	154.2	-1.3	..
Adventurous Fund	154.4	162.6	-3.4	..
Performance Fund	159.0	167.4	-2.4	..

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2
01-588 1212

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eagle/Midland Units	182.4	189.0	-2.2	4.33

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Uk Equities Fund	506.4	533.0	-10.7	..
Higher Income Fund	531.2	559.1	-10.9	..
Property Fund	350.7	369.1	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	264.2	278.7	-1.9	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	110.4	116.2	-1.3	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	193.7	203.8	+0.3	..
Nth America Fund	211.3	222.4	-9.2	..
Far East Fund	350.9	369.3	-8.9	..
Europe Fund	306.4	322.5	-4.9	..
International Fund	285.5	300.5	-7.6	..
Mixed Fund	368.1	408.5	-2.9	..

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 336242

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed (Mixed)	176.7	186.1	-1.4	..
Uk Equity	217.9	229.1	-2.1	..
Stewardship	225.2	237.1	-1.5	..
Overseas Equity	166.2	175.0	-2.2	..
North American	83.7	88.2	-1.5	..
Pacific Basin	97.5	102.7	-1.3	..
European	86.9	91.4	-1.2	..
Property	172.1	181.2	+1.1	..
Fixed Interest	141.6	149.1	-0.8	..
Index Linked	104.6	110.4	-1.1	..
Cash	129.7	136.6	+0.1	..

GT MANAGEMENT
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-628 8131

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GT Plan Bond Fund	179.3	188.8	-2.1	..
GT Plan High Yield	228.8	240.8	-5.0	..
GT Plan Far East	219.6	231.2	-0.3	..
GT Plan North Amer	109.3	115.1	-2.7	..
GT Plan Uk & GE	315.5	332.2	-6.6	..
GT Plan Worldwide	251.5	264.8	-1.8	..

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE
2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR
0904 628982

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed	131.6	138.4	-1.9	..
UK Equity	182.3	191.8	-1.0	..
Fixed Int	123.9	129.2	-1.4	..
Index-Linked	102.7	108.0	-0.9	..
Cash Deposit	116.4	122.4	+0.2	..
Property	132.7	139.5

Amex ups cost for late payers

Amid the welter of criticism over credit card interest rates, American Express cardholders who believe they are escaping punitive charges by using the green or gold charge card may be labouring under an illusion.

Customers may have noticed a small paragraph, in a recent letter announcing changes in the terms and conditions of cardholding, detailing interest charges which the company extracts for unpaid accounts.

If customers have not paid 45 days after billing, Amex charges 1½ per cent for sums that are overdue; this rate increases to 2½ per cent when the debt remains unpaid 60 days after billing.

The next step pushes the rate up to 3½ per cent for the unpaid bill but, according to American Express, the matter would in any case then be in the hands of solicitors to recover the debt.

The right of the company to make late payment charges has always been included in its terms and conditions under a section entitled "liquidating damages". The latest missive is intended to make that right clearer.

In fairness to Amex, the documentation was accompanied by an exhortation to pay off the American Express monthly bill by direct debit, so the interest payment predicament can be avoided entirely.

Amex responded to suggestions that interest rates charges of up to 3½ per cent a month amounted to an annual percentage rate well in excess of all credit cards and the

Due-by date also dropped in test

more expensive store cards, by saying that since the company was not operating a credit card business the charges were simply to encourage people to pay bills as they arrived.

"If people run into financial problems, lose their job, or have any other reason not to pay we would rather they contact us so we can come to some arrangement with them.

"We would obviously cancel the card so no more debt would be incurred. After all we want to recover the debt, not increase it," said David Barnes of Amex.

But American Express has quietly introduced another change in its billing system. The "due by date" for payment given on each monthly statement has been dropped for a selected number of cardholders. The idea is to test whether the lack of a date, which is set at 14 days after the billing date, encourages customers to pay more promptly. If it encourages more rapid payment, then Amex intends to introduce it on all bills over a period of time.

"Personally I find I put my bill in a drawer when I see the due by date and then forget to pay until the reminder letter arrives. Under the new system I'll probably pay it straightaway," said Mr Barnes.

But one reader of *The Times*, and an American Express cardholder, who has been selected to test the scheme, said last week that he felt the new system would encourage people to pay even later and possibly run up interest charges.



Will Amex live up to its slick TV image in the tough new battle of the cards?

Rivalry over credit cards

As consumers consider the increases in interest rates on credit cards, they should be aware that the banks no longer have this area to themselves, *writes Maria Scott.*

There is now a difference of nearly 10 points between the cheapest credit card and the most expensive.

Barclaycard said yesterday that its rate would go up from 23.1 per cent (APR) to 26.8 per cent from September 1. This followed Lloyds Bank's Access rate rise to 25.3 per cent (APR) from 23.8 per cent, bringing it in line with a the new rate announced by the TSB for its Trustcard.

National Westminster and Midland are still considering the other moves.

But even at their new, or existing rates, the banks have been undercut by other players. The Halifax Building Society launched its own Visa card in June, at a rate of 20.9 per cent (APR) and the society said yesterday that it was not reviewing the rate at present despite the increases being implemented by competitors.

Commercial pressures are working in the consumer's favour here. Even if another base rate rise was to convince the Halifax that it was now out of step it will still want to undercut the big players and carve a niche in the market.

Chase Manhattan shook the credit-card market when it introduced a card charging 16.9 per cent in May. It has had 60,000 enquiries since.

Iain McConnachie, of Chase Manhattan said yesterday that there was no definite intention to move the rate, although it was always under review. But here again any increase would be likely to remain some way below what the big banks are charging.

Save & Prosper currently charges just 16 per cent on its Visa card although it is likely to go up next week. But S&P has committed itself to charging at least five per cent less than the major bank cards. So a rise will keep it competitive.

Yorkshire Bank recently launched its Visa card with a rate of 21.7, deliberately undercutting the other banks.

Expect a cheaper card also, from Leeds Permanent Building Society when it launches a Visa card in the autumn.

The pressure from these new players is also helping to put into perspective the cost of most of the retailers' in-house credit cards, which have rates up to 40 per cent (APR).

HOW THE CARDS COMPARE

Yesterday's top rates (APR)

Barclaycard (Visa)	26.8
TSB Trustcard (Visa)	25.3
Lloyds Bank (Access)	25.3

Yesterday's bottom rates

Save & Prosper (Visa)	*16.0
Chase Manhattan (Visa)	16.9
Halifax (Visa)	20.9
Yorkshire Bank (Visa)	21.7

* About to go up

Rush starts on SIB deadline

The rush is on to get as many investment companies as possible through the new regulatory processing system before August 27, the day the Securities and Investments Board's compensation scheme is put in place.

From that date, investors who deal with companies which are not fully authorized under the Financial Services Act will be in an even more vulnerable position, compared with those dealing with a fully authorized firm, than they are now.

Investments arranged from that date with an authorized company will be covered by the compensation scheme but not those arranged before. The vulnerability of investors dealing with firms not fully authorized was underlined when the Association of Future Brokers and Dealers said this week that it had now rejected a total of 13 applicants so far. Two have asked for reconsideration.

AFBD still has 142 applicants under interim authorization but Gerry Bridgewater, head of public affairs and training, says the organization hopes to have them all dealt with by August 27. "We are working as swiftly as possible."

It is still clear that although the number of interim-authorized companies will be down on the estimated 2,000 operating at the time the compensation scheme was announced, there will be more than 1,500 still without full clearance.

Most of these will be applicants to Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

This week, 1,900 still had interim authorization but the organisation expects to push the number down to 1,500 by August 27.

IMRO, the Investment Management Regulatory Organization, believes less than 100 firms will still be without full authorization by August 27.

"It is our intention to get our applications dealt with as quickly as possible but we can't cut any corners," says John Morgan, chief executive of IMRO.

Consumer body renews call for pensions' ombudsman

The Consumers' Association is renewing its call for the appointment of a pensions' ombudsman to deal with complaints from members of company pension schemes, *writes Maria Scott.*

The association suggested an ombudsman scheme for the pensions industry four years ago but it is repeating the call because it believes the increased complexity of pension legislation and rules, and the rising cost of taking cases to court, make the need for such a scheme far more urgent.

The latest request for a pensions' ombudsman comes in the association's submission to the Occupational Pensions Board's review of company pension schemes. It follows a call earlier this week by the National Association of Pension Funds, in its submission to the OPB's review, for an independent arbitration scheme to deal with disputes over pension-scheme rights.

The association says in its submission: "We have no evidence on whether scheme members are being dispossessed of their rights because of the cost of enforcing them.

"But the undoubted costs of 'going to law', coupled with the complexity of the law relating to pension schemes, prompt us to reiterate our call for a pensions' ombudsman who could provide a more rapid and less costly route for dealing with complaints."

At present, says the association, the courts have to make decisions in this complex area when they are not expert in pension schemes. An ombudsman could be a specialist in the field.

Companies could be required to join the scheme to keep the approved status of their pensions and the scheme could be supervised by the Superannuation Fund Office, part of the Inland Revenue.

The association points out, however, that there are situations where it might not be possible to impose a meaningful penalty on a pension scheme. "Where a scheme is being wound up, an ultimate sanction of, say, loss of approved status would not matter to the scheme or employer - though it could be an effective sanction in other situations."

The insurance, building society and unit trust industries already have ombudsman schemes.

The association also has identified other areas of concern.

It wants to see improvements in the levels of benefits for people who leave schemes involuntarily, possibly after a fairly short period of service.

The association submission says surpluses in a company pension scheme should be owned by the members of the scheme unless there is no scope for using the surpluses for the direct benefit of the members.

This view conflicts with that put by the NAPF in its OPB submission. It takes the view that surpluses are owned by the employer, but that at the same time the employer should also be responsible for any shortfall that arises within the fund.

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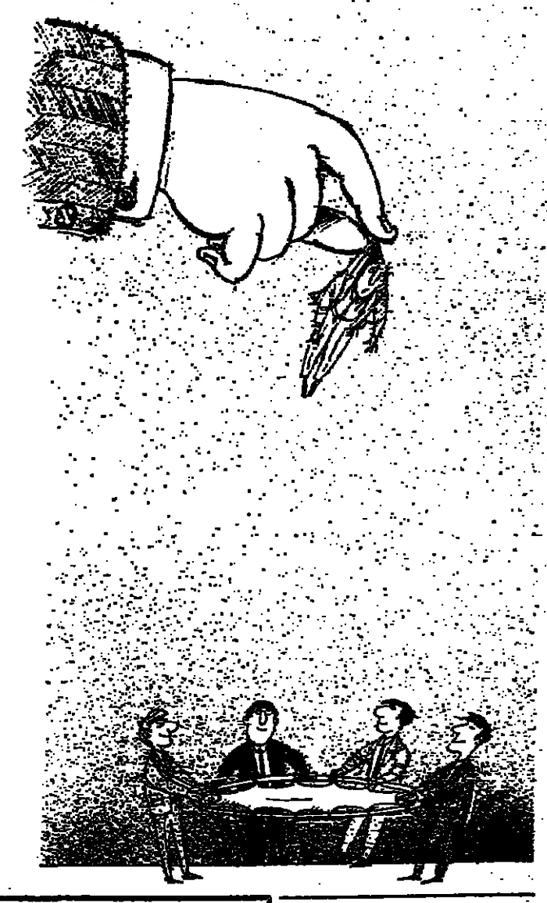
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Support for small investors

Maria Scott reports on the openings for small investors following the withdrawal from private client service by some of the bigger City firms

Provincial stockbrokers are up in arms about what they see as a huge misunderstanding about the current state of private client services.

They say that the withdrawal of a number of large City firms from the private client business has given the impression that small investors are out in the cold with their portfolios.

"This simply is not the case," says Richard Derby, of the provincial firm Godfray Derby, now part of the group of nine firms which joined to become the National Investment Group (NIG) in 1986.

NIG is now considering a marketing campaign to get its relatively new and unknown name across. Marketing is also something that the provincial unit of the Stock Exchange, which represents 25 provincial firms is thinking about.

On the face of it, there would certainly appear to be plenty of business for the small firms based outside London to pick up. In the wake of Big Bang, Black Monday and the implementation of the Financial Services Act, a succession of London firms have withdrawn from the private client business. They include Messel and SBCI



Richard Derby: discretion on fees

Savory Milln and, this week, Phillips & Drew.

Hoare Govett is looking for a buyer for its private client activities and rumours abound about others being on the point of pulling out.

James Capel still takes on portfolios of £25,000 for discretionary management, where the broker makes all decisions for the client, but it recently imposed a £50 minimum commission on clients wanting a more casual advisory service. And here, the minimum portfolio size is £250,000. Capel is adamant, however, that it is committed to the private client.

Capel Cure Myers, a stalwart of the City-based private client service, rarely takes on portfolios of less than £150,000 for a discretionary service and £250,000 for advisory. Those with less may be directed to the broker's off-the-peg investment package, Master Portfolio Service.

The problem for the big brokers is costs. The Financial Services Act and the heavy legal burden it places on all investment companies has hit stockbrokers as hard as everyone else in the financial services industry. This has come as a final blow after the rising costs, and increasing demands on capital, connected with deregulation of the London market.

A number of dealing services, such as those offered by Barclayshare, Fidelity and National Westminster Bank have sprung up to serve people who want a simple and relatively cheap way to buy and sell. In Barclayshare's case there is also an advice service for investors willing to take the DIY approach to investment management.

Most provincial brokers are keen to keep such services going. They have not escaped the cost problem and the majority have sought shelter under the wings of larger institutions or as in the case of those in NIG formed themselves into groups to increase marketing muscle. But they hope that by specialising in personal service, and with lower overheads than the London brokers, they will carve out a profitable niche.

NIG brokers have a standard minimum commission of £25, though Mr Derby says brokers have discretion to drop this on small orders. Commission is 1.65 per cent on deals up to £7000, with a sliding scale beyond that. There are no annual management fees on portfolios.

Within reason, there is no minimum required for portfolio management and those with smaller amounts will not be shunted automatically into unit trusts if they specifically want to be in the markets directly.

Brown Shipley, now a widely diversified financial services group, has bought four provincial stockbrokers in the last two and a half years and now has a network of 18 offices throughout the country.

Fall-out in private client market means more business

The average size of portfolio handled by these offices is £100,000 but management services are available for much smaller amounts. The commission rates are similar to those offered by NIG.

Allied Provincial Securites is a broking group formed in the past two years. London broker James Capel has a stake in it. Again, the commission charges are similar to those at NIG and Brown Shipley but for those clients who want a completely hands-off discretionary service, an extra 0.5 per cent is added to the usual commission cost.

Generally these provincial brokers buy research in from the large London houses and are equipped with the same dealing services as their London counterparts.

Parrish Stockbrokers, which recently took Savory Milln's private client services off its hands for the token amount of £1, has set itself up as a private client specialist. But it aims to fall somewhere between the financial Agony Aunt-style service of the provincial offices and the much less accessible services offered by the large London brokers.

This means avoiding one-off single bargains of less than £5,000. The minimum portfolio is £50,000 and commission is two per cent up to £5,000. For the majority of clients, where there are regular deals there is no management fee, though for those who simply want their portfolios administered there will be a charge of one per cent a year.

There is an office in London, as well as four centres outside the capital. Parrish started life in 1986 as a shell company which then scooped up five broking firms to form a private client specialist.

Parrish admits to having "taken some nasty loss" after the crash and while the pure stockbroking activities are now trading profitably says Mr Smith, this does not mean the group as a whole is on target for a big rise in profits over last year."

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■ Yorkshire Building Society can now get mortgage offers out on the same day as the application is submitted. Applications received before 10am can be dealt with before the end of the same day. If the 10am deadline is missed, the offer will go out on the next working day.

There is an expensive qualification on this Mortgage Rapide service as the building society has dubbed it — a £200 fee for the extra work involved. But this is not a lot, the society argues, if it means the difference between getting gazumped or not.

To make sure the society can get the offer out on time, applicants have to arrange for someone to be at home at the property, so that the surveyor can get in to provide the valuation. Applicants must also provide proof of income.

If they are employed this means the last four salary slips and a letter from their employer, or alternatively, a P60 form.

■ **A steep increase in the value of shares in Racal, the electronics company planning a £2 billion flotation for its cellphone operation, Vodafone, has turned Gerry James, a public-relations manager from Newcastle, into a proud Personal Equity Plan owner. Mr James invested in Racal through a Save & Prosper PEP in January and its value increased by nearly 58 per cent to £3,821.26 in six months. The performance also earned Mr James a £1,000 prize, as second-quarter winner in S&P's Pick of the PEP competition.**

■ *Sun Life* has added another "safety-first" product to the market. The Sun Life Progressive Plan takes a minimum lump sum of £10,000 and invests it in high-yielding fixed-interest securities. Each month a regular amount, minimum £1,000, is transferred into the company's Global Portfolio Fund. This is a Luxembourg-based umbrella fund, which allows the UK resident to switch between the sub-funds without incurring capital gains tax.

There may be a CGT liability when the plan is cashed in, however. There are eight funds to choose from, most aiming for long-term capital growth.

■ **Four months after the introduction of new rules on housing benefit, the housing aid organization SHAC and the Institute of Housing, a professional organization for people working in housing, have produced a 250-page guide to the system.**

Housing benefit is no longer available to anyone with capital of more than £8,000. The guide notes that the original cut-off point was £6,000 but that this was later raised when it became clear that 300,000 pensioners' households would be deprived of the benefit. One hundred thousand households were won back their right to this assistance with housing costs after the move.

Rules on capital are explained in the guide as well as the a transitional payments scheme, introduced to ensure that certain groups of claimants did not lose more than £2.50 a week as a result of its introduction.

The Guide to Housing Benefit *is available from the Institute of Housing, 9 White Lion Street, London N1 9XJ or SHAC, 189a Brompton Road, London SW5, at £5.95.*

Income support rules hit the jobless teenagers

Thousands of school-leavers and their parents may lose money because of provisions in the new Social Security Act, writes Charles Jackson

Income support, the new-style supplementary benefit, has hit the 16 to 17-year-old age group because of Section 4 of the new Social Security Act.

In effect, the minimum age of entitlement to benefit has been increased from 16 to 18 years, wiping out a 40-year-old tradition. Rather than being able to claim benefit while unemployed, school-leavers will be forced to find a job, join a youth training scheme (YTS) or stay in full-time education.

Where the young person continues to live with his or her parents, they will be entitled to continue claiming child benefit — recently frozen at £7.25 a week — for a maximum of four months. This is known as the "child-benefit extension period." However, the extension will not be automatic.

Parents will have to claim for the extension and it will be paid only if the young person is registered with a careers office or JobCentre or for a YTS place, proving availability for work. Parents who themselves claim a benefit will be able to claim child-dependency additions. As soon as a job or training scheme placement is obtained, child benefit will stop.

The Government has justified the move on the grounds that a YTS placement will be available to all young people and that therefore there is no need for any 16 or 17-year-old to be out of work. The reality is that the YTS is already over-subscribed and those leaving school in the summer have to pick up the dregs of what is left over from the Easter "first-come, first-served" applicants. Young people will not be given a choice of whether an offered YTS place is suited to their needs or hopes.

For example, on January 5, 1987, 2,376 youngsters were awaiting YTS placements, and 9,000 were on waiting lists in the previous months. On average, during each month (1987-88) 140,000 youngsters have not found work since leaving school.

The new legislation also prevents 16 and 17-year-olds from drawing benefit while improving their education when on the dole. Until now they have been able to study, on benefit, for limited periods each week, providing they agreed to give up the course if a job became available. They will be entitled to a "bridging allowance" of £15 a week for a maximum of eight weeks a year where they become unemployed or where their YTS placements end before they turn 18.

Even so, this must be compared with the £19.40 a week income-support payment originally intended for single people under the age of 18.

There are some exceptions to the rules. During the committee stages of the Social Security Act, it was announced that there would be two categories of youngsters who would qualify to be exempted from the "no benefit" rules. The lists that follow show those who are still entitled to claim income support, during the child benefit extension period, and examples of those who may be entitled to benefit at all times.

There is also provision for the Secretary of State to waive the ban in cases of severe or extreme hardship.

Exemptions during the child benefit-extension period include:

- Married, childless couples;
- Youngsters living away from the parental/family household and having no living parent or guardian, or having been in local authority care within the previous 24 months, or
- On bail or under the supervision of a probation officer or social worker and is placed away from home, or
- Unable to live at home because they would be threatened with sexual abuse
- Mentally or physically handicapped or mentally ill and needing to live away from home because their parents cannot cope with them (but they are not so handicapped or ill that they are incapable of work), or

Those entitled to benefit at all times:

- Lone parents;
- Those who are incapable of work because of a disease or long-term physical or mental disability
- Women who are pregnant — although this covers only the period commencing 11 weeks before and seven weeks after the expected date of confinement.



Carving out a career: a YTS school-leaver tries his hand at catering

Marriage still a tax matter

Unmarried couples are likely to find it less advantageous now than in the past to remain unwed. But those who decide that Chancellor Lawson's fiscal discouragements for living in sin are now too great to ignore may still be wise to put the wedding off until the 1989-90 tax year.

This is one of the tips in the latest *Lloyds Bank Tax Guide*, to be published on August 25 by Penguin Books at £4.99. The guide lists examples where marrying in haste could mean repenting at leisure over the tax bill. Much hinges on the planned introduction of independent taxation for married couples in 1990.

Where both partners are likely to have a capital-gains-tax liability in the current year and the total comes to more than the amount of one tax-free band, £5,000 in 1988-89, it is better to wait until the 1989-90 tax year to tie the knot. Likewise, if the woman has a lot of investment income, it would be added to her husband's tax bill if they married this year. The Lloyds guide also looks at all the other important tax changes introduced in the Budget as well as reviewing and explaining the general system.

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New tax may hit sun-lovers

The 1987 Spanish inheritance-tax law makes life more complicated, and possibly more expensive for Britons who move to Spain, *writes Diana Wildman.*

One new aspect of the law particularly unfavourable to the expatriate is the fact that duty can now be payable, in certain instances, on properties outside Spain and that the entire estate can also be subject to English inheritance tax at the same time.

Says Michael Soul, an associate of a firm of solicitors, Withers Crossman Block: "In a case where an Englishman dies leaving his Spanish home and his offshore stocks and shares to his wife, where both are resident in Spain and neither has lost their English domicile, all property passing would be taxed in Spain.

"If the total value of their joint estate was £250,000 and the widow then left her estate to their children (even assuming they live in England), English inheritance tax would be a payable as well and the total burden in both countries on both deaths would exceed £100,000."

A point often ignored is that the double-taxation agreement between this country and Spain does not solve inheritance-tax problems, simply because the agreement has no mention of inheritance tax. But there are provisions in both English and Spanish inheritance-tax laws to allow some leeway.

Mr Soul says the principal difference, now and before January 1, 1988, is that the regulations have brought into the tax net many of the offshore nest eggs that expat residents in Spain thought would be exempt from eventual inheritance taxation.

Confusion is also caused because Britain and Spain have two totally different methods for assessing liability to tax after death. In the UK we look to the domicile of the deceased to establish whether tax is due on assets outside this country whereas in Spain it is the residence of the beneficiary that determines liability to tax on non-Spanish property.

Says Mr Soul: "Anyone with substantial funds considering moving to Spain should initially consider setting up an offshore trust and purchasing their Spanish property through an offshore company."



Michael Soul: Buy offshore

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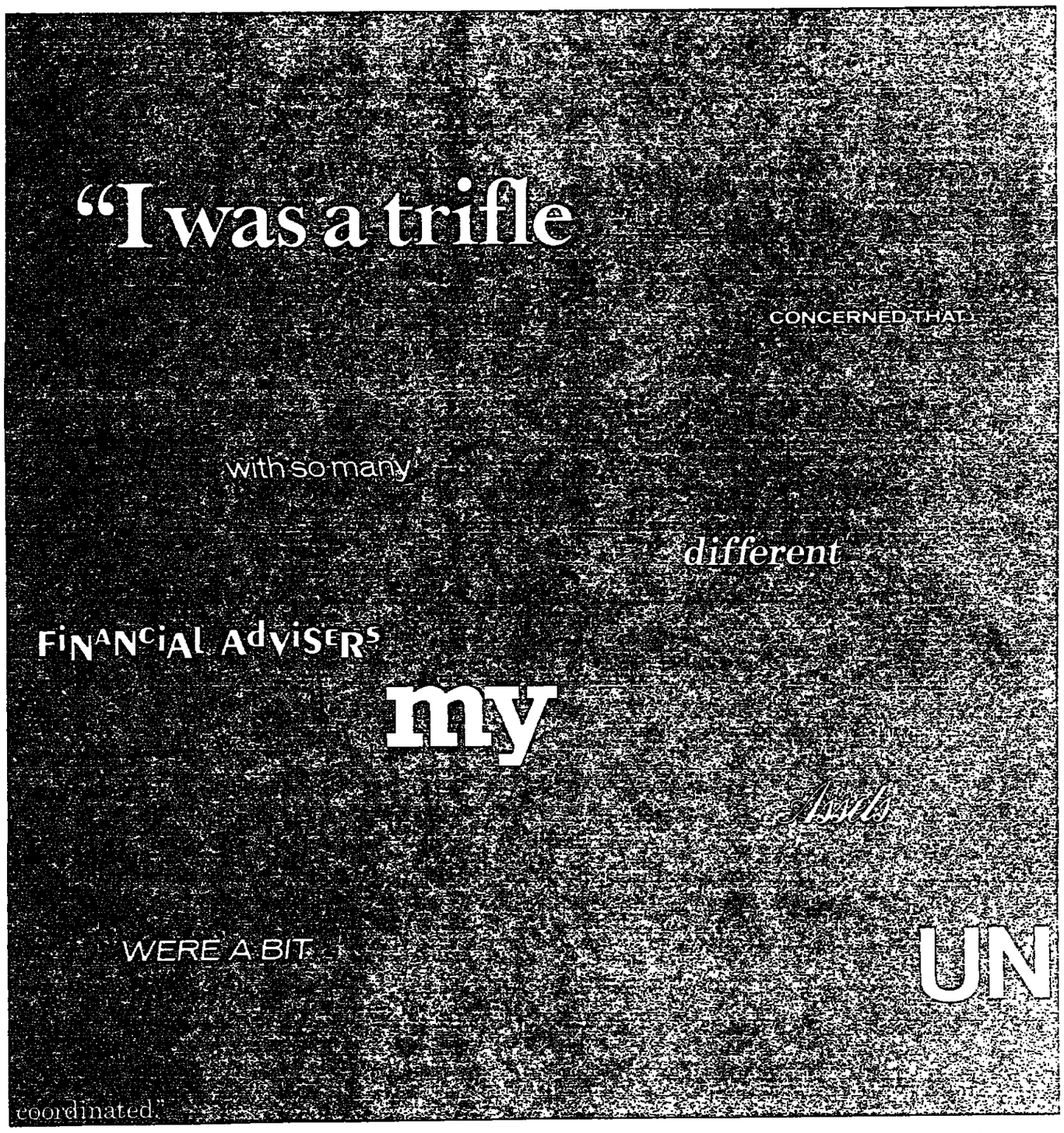
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Scotch shows a lot of spirit

Returns on mature whiskies will continue to go down a treat with the more discerning investors, writes Conal Gregory

Britain sipped its way through 150 million bottles of Scotch whisky worth £2,000 million at retail prices last year. This important market with bright export prospects is open to the investor in two ways — by buying shares in key companies and buying Scotch in cask.

There is real optimism in the industry that the recessionary days are over. In 1987 malt and grain Scotch production rose by 6 and 5.5 per cent respectively. A standard blend is usually 70 per cent grain. The balance is made up of malts.

Scotch accounts for 47 per cent of the total UK spirits market. We drink more Scotch than vodka and gin combined. Though the number of malt distilleries in operation fell by almost 30 per cent between 1979 and 1987, from 114 to 81, there are still surplus stocks. These are thought to be largely with United Distillers (Guinness).

Alan Gray, specialist Scotch analyst with Campbell Neill, of Glasgow, part of stockbrokers Hoare Govett, says: "Prices of mature whiskies will continue to firm and the combination of the elimination of surplus stocks and firmer prices will result in a more realistic and profitable selling-price structure."

Two international factors look likely to boost Scotch whisky.

First, it seems increasingly likely that Japan will introduce a tax package by next April to reduce the highly discriminatory rates of duty on imported spirits. Japan is the

Guinness could win back £25 million

whisky industry's third-biggest export market. Eric Frankis, of Phillips & Drew, calculates that Guinness could gain at least £25 million, equivalent to 6 per cent of 1987 profits, from the ending of unfair taxes in Japan.

Second, the UK should harmonize duties by the end of 1992 along with the rest of the European Community. France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and West Germany pay about half our rate of £4.73 a bottle. Spain a sixth, Italy and Portugal roughly a tenth and Greece a sixtieth.

Guinness now derives about 75 per cent of its profits from Scotch. Michelle Proud, analyst with County NatWest Woodmac, strongly recommends this company as a buy because of its control of its own supply, good brand promotion and control of distribution.

Invergordon Distillers, at present the subject of strong bid speculation, is 65 per cent owned by Hawker Siddeley. As essentially a commodity company, it should benefit by the recent price increases for mature Scotch. Apart from Mackinlay's Reserve, a de luxe, and the standard Mackinlay, Invergordon offers sveral single malts, including 10-year-old Bruichladdich, Tamnavulin and Tullibardine, and eight-year-old Deanston.

Highland Distilleries is tipped by Miss Proud, and is a definite buy according to Mr Gray. Its Famous Grouse brand is the second best seller in the UK to Bell's. Much of the contents of a bottle of Cutty Sark are purchased from Highland, and the group's single malts of Highland Park 12-year and Tamdhu 10-year and 15-year, as well as Bunnahabhain 12-year, allowed it to increase growth in this sector.

Mr Frankis says the single malt market is "very promising". This should make Macdonald Martin a definite purchase with its two leading malts of 10-year Glenmorangie and 12-year Glen Moray-Glenlivet, in addition to its blends such as Highland Queen. Glenmorangie is the second largest selling malt in the UK; first in Scotland.

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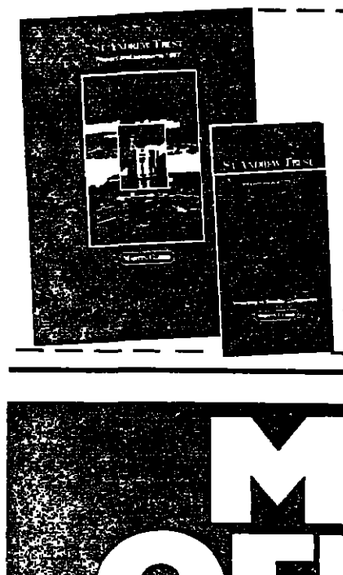
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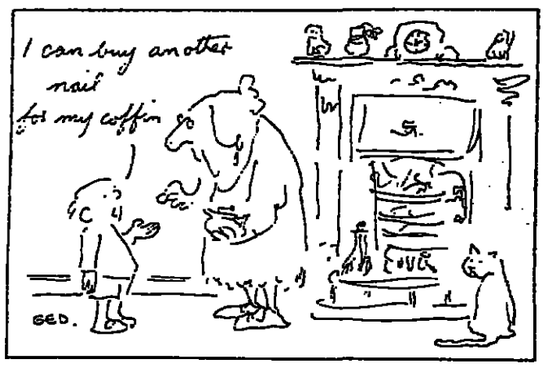
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How to ensure that your last exit is well covered

The spiralling cost of funerals has prompted an increasing number of people to settle their funeral arrangements, including the payment, in advance. Earlier this year Age Concern combined with Chosen Heritage, part of the Great Southern funeral directors' group, to start an advance payments plan simply to qualify for more benefits, but if you are concerned about meeting funeral costs it may be worth paying for the service now, rather than keeping the money in a savings account or, even worse, under the bed," says Chosen Heritage.

Since the pre-payment scheme was introduced two months ago, there have been 1,300 inquiries, and 940 people have joined.

The National Association of Funeral Directors operates a whole life insurance policy



scheme, underwritten by Windsor Life, which pays out an index-linked sum. Monthly premiums are linked to a lump sum benefit that is uprated by the Retail Price Index to a maximum of 19 per cent a year to cover the cost of the funeral.

After 50 years the lump sum payable would be £55,785. After 15 years the projected benefit would be £4,438, which, says Andrew Taylor, of the National Association of Funeral Directors, ought to cover the funeral costs.

But a professional woman in London who recently arranged her father's funeral would not share his confidence. The bill was more than £4,000.

The biggest single payment was £1,300 for a plot in Gunnersbury Cemetery, owned by the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Although the woman's father had lived in Westminster, she was concerned about the privatization of the Westminster cemetery and the upkeep of the graves. Her family was prepared to pay £1,300 for a grave in a cemetery administered by a neighbouring local authority.

If her father had lived in Kensington and Chelsea, the grave would have cost £400.

The funeral director's bill was £2,500 and the cost of catering for 60 people afterwards was £600, which included wine.

And it is no surprise to discover that in death, as in life, the North-South divide in Britain is significant. Funerals in the North are considerably cheaper than in the South.

In South Yorkshire, for example, the average costs are £435 for cremation and £583 for burial. The significant difference, of course, is the price of a grave plot.

In South Yorkshire, the average cost of a plot is £230. The funeral arrangements, which include the coffin, collection, use of the chapel of rest, a hearse and a following car and pall bearers, cost £310.

In London, the average cost of a funeral service and cremation, including £42 for doctors' certificates, is just over £602.

A funeral director in Sheffield said his charges were the same regardless of the religion.

The contrast in costs between the North and South squares with the last table of funeral costs prepared by the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows Friendly Society in 1986. Two towns compared were Brighton and Barnsley. Funeral costs in the south coast seaside resort ranged from £395 to £1,327 and in the Yorkshire pit town from £425 to £750.

During the past 10 years, the cost of funerals for people of all faiths has risen dramatically.

Jewish people will have to pay more for funerals in future. At a recent meeting of the governing council of the United Synagogue Burial Society, which is responsible for most Jewish funerals in the country, a special increase in rates was agreed.

The cost to non-members for funeral arrangements has been raised from £1,325 to £1,675. The annual subscription for members of the United Synagogue's Funeral Expenses Scheme has been increased from £26 to £29.

Jonathan Lew, the society's chief executive, said that the increases were necessary to finance a £750,000 road development at Bushey Cemetery in Hertfordshire.

At the new rate of £1,675, the cost of a funeral to Jews who are not members of the society's scheme is considerably more than the average cost of funerals across the country.

Mr Taylor, of the National Association of Funeral Directors, said the average cost was between £450 and £650. This covered the cost of the coffin, the conveyance to the cemetery or crematorium, the care of the deceased and the use of the funeral parlour, the provision of a hearse and a following car, and the attendance of the funeral conductor and pall bearers.

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ATHLETICS: WHITBREAD RETURNS AND CHRISTIE LOOKS FOR 100 METRES VICTORY AT GATESHEAD

Moses opts for trials of strength

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Ed Moses is the best possible advert for the United States system of Olympic selection – the first three past the post in the trials – a system which follows the democratic conventions on which the country was founded, and is applied to athletics, the most meritocratic of sports.

Moses was surprised that Sebastian Coe had *not qualified* for the British Olympic team, but could not muster much sympathy when he arrived this week, to run in Gateshead tomorrow.

"I favour the first three past the post, there's no argument then. It's a performance sport. Other athletes, as well as past champions, deserve to go to the Olympic Games. Seb didn't run well, and everyone in the States is surprised. But Greg Foster didn't run well either, but *he just accepted it*," Moses said.

"If you reserve places in Olympic teams, youngsters grow up thinking they haven't got a chance. I'd like to have been pre-selected, but I feel that, *in running*, youngsters have more respect for me. For example, everyone thought that Danny Harris was going to beat me in the trials."

In fact, it was Harris – having created his little bit of history last year in ending Moses's unbeaten decade in the 400 metres hurdles – who ultimately failed in the trials, finishing fifth. Meanwhile, old man Moses, at 32 years old, went on to yet another victory, in 47.37sec, a time which makes him believe that he can finally get under 47sec this season.

It is that sort of form and confidence, which may have contributed to Kriss Akabusi's tiredness, after his own feats in the British trials last weekend. Akabusi's 400 metres win in 44.93sec, equalling the third best ever by a Briton was the performance of the trials, and suggested that over barriers, he could reasonably think about sub-48sec this year, only his second at the intermediate hurdles.

But, despite a race *against Moses* being just the sort of impetus he needs to approach that barrier, Akabusi will do no more than a relay leg tomorrow.

Moses gave Akabusi a lot of time and encouragement when the Briton was in California last year, preparing his change from the flat to the hurdles. After Akabusi's performance in the final of the world championships last year, Moses reckons the master class *is over.* "*Having seen the way he ran* in Rome last year, and the time he did last week, I've decided to leave him to his own devices. He's on his own now."

Ultimately, that is the way it is in athletics in any case, as Linford Christie will be acutely aware, following his distant defeat by Ben Johnson in Italy on Wednesday. Christie needs to get back to winning ways as soon as *possible prior to meeting Johnson and* Carl Lewis in Zurich next Wednesday. And a 100 metres against John Regis, Lincoln Asquith and Elliot Bunney should provide that.

Florence Griffith-Joyner should be equally untroubled in the women's 100 metres. The same day that she was setting her 10.49sec world record in Indianapolis last month, only three men at Gateshead's last meeting managed to beat it. That hardly augurs well for Simmone Jacobs's chances.

The high hurdles should again provide maximum excitement, with Colin Jackson, following his European *record of 13.11sec in Italy, and Jon* Ridgeon reminding Tonie Campbell, the current No. 2 from the United States, that this event is no longer the trodden ground of the Americans only.

Fatima Whitbread makes her comeback after a catalogue of injuries and illnesses that seemed more designed to induce complacency in Petra Felke than provide extra work for the overburdened National Health Service.



Akabusi: opted out of Moses' hurdles master class (Photograph: Chris Cole)

RUGBY UNION

England to match Soviets in attack

From Chris Thau
St Cyprien

England face the formidable Soviet team in the third round of the students' World Cup in St *Cyprien today. This is the first* encounter between the two countries at representative level and the result may decide the outcome of pool A. Both sides are unbeaten and today's winner is likely to reach the semi-finals of the tournament.

A virtually unknown entity until Wednesday, the Soviets have established their credentials and disclosed their aims with a bewildering and historic win over New Zealand.

The England manager, John Robbins, and coach, Bob Reeves, watched New Zealand's demolition on Wednesday night so England's training sessions have been accordingly geared to meet and counter the Soviet challenge.

"They were indeed very impressive. They must have done their homework very well," Reeves said. "New Zealand looked a very good side for about 20 minutes. Then, with their scrum in tatters they found themselves moving backwards, something they haven't experienced before, which must have dealt a psychological blow.

"Obviously the key man in the Soviet team is their loose head prop, Kirpa, who has done most of the damage."

Andrei Kirpa, a student in his final year at the Physical Education Institute in Moscow – who will captain the Soviet students against England – has been a regular member of the senior Soviet team for the past four years. The giant fair-haired prop was one of the six full internationals in the Soviet side which upset the New Zealanders.

But, whereas the New Zealand scrum disintegrated under Kirpa's impact, England are better prepared to take the Soviets up front or, in the words of Reeves, to "meet them at the coalface."

England's Andy Mullins is the man who will bear the brunt of *Kirpa's effective scrummaging*, but the Harlequins tight-head prop is well supported by a powerful unit which now includes loose-head prop, Victor Ubogu, of Oxford University, doubtful until yesterday morning.

"We can't afford to let them do to us what they have done to New Zealand. We have to put them under pressure to tie their back row in. We have to stop them driving at the rucks where they have the tendency of piling in.

"In a way, their win against New Zealand has done the rest of us a lot of good. Whereas now we know, and we hope to contain, the Russians, we've also learned that New Zealand are beatable," Reeves said.

Scotland, still nursing injuries – Ian Harries and Adam Buchanan-Smith are doubtful for tomorrow – after their bruising encounter with Italy, have delayed the announcement of the team for tomorrow's game against New Zealand.

Wales have the weekend off in pool B but they play a warm-up game against a local club, Arachon, near Bordeaux. They watched France beat Argentina 19-12 in an eminently forgettable game and afterwards described both sides as "beatable."

YACHTING

Triallists can draw inspiration from success of Skudos

By Malcolm McKeag

Forty young sailors gather at Warsash Sailing Club on the Hamble this weekend for the eighth of the 10 heats in *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch programme being run by the *Royal Yachting Association* (RYA).

They will each spend a day being put through their paces aboard two David Thomas-designed Sigma 33s by the top skipper, Hugh Welbourn, and by the RYA Keelboat coach, Bill Egerton. The two will be assessing the triallists to find a crew of six to represent the Solent area in the final of the contest, to be held in October.

The idea of Crewsearch was conceived by Egerton and *The Times* to open a conduit between the latent and largely untapped reserves of young sailing talent around the country and the charmed but semi-closed circle of international big-boat sailing, where Britain has always been a major competitor but where national results have not always been as successful as they might.

Already it is proving a success. Several Crewsearch triallists, having won through their area heats to a place in the final, were offered places aboard yachts in the prestigious Duracell Royal Lymington Cup, one of the world's top international match-race competitions. There they were able to sail with some of the best skippers in the world.

More recently, Crewsearch stepped in with a name and a face when Indulgence, one of *Britain's three team boats* for the Kenwood Cup series currently being sailed in Hawaii, needed a crew replacement at short notice.

George Skudos, aged 18, had come to the attention of the America's Cup skipper, Harold Cudmore, through Crewsearch, and Cudmore recommended him to the Indulgence skipper, Edward Warden-Owen. Skudos soon had an air ticket to Hawaii and the chance of a lifetime, and Indulgence had her crewmember.

Americans widen the gap on rivals

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

The outcome of the Kenwood Cup ocean racing series remained finely balanced yesterday as the leading American and Australian team yachts struggled against a dying night breeze to complete the 775 mile Round the State race.

At 4 p.m. on Thursday (Honolulu), the lead held by the three American yachts, Insatiable, Bravura and Champosa V, over the Australian team, now reduced to two boats, was down to one place on the final 200 mile leg to the finish.

By midnight, the gap had widened to three places after the leading American yacht, Insatiable, gained a further 20 miles over the second boat in her class, the British yacht Indulgence, to head the overall standings.

With the Australian yacht, Great News, just ahead of her, however, holding second place overall, and her sister yacht, The Esanda Way, back in tenth, the race was far from over.

Earlier on Thursday, Rod Muir and his 25 crew members aboard the Australian maxi, Windward Passage, took line honours six and a half hours ahead of the Bernard Lewis owned Sovereign, after pulling out an 80-mile lead over the fleet the previous night. This latest Frers design, which is the largest single resin impregnated composite structure in the world, has proved a class apart in this, her first international series.

ROUND-THE-STATE RACE: 1, Windward Passage II, R Muir (Aus) 4days 1hr 50min 46sec; 2, Sovereign, B Lewis (Aus) 4:8:29:38; 3, Congere, B Coppel (US) 4:8:35:8; 4, Matador, W Koch (US) 4:8:41:7; 5, Sorcery, J Wood (US) 4:8:46:40; 6, Ragamuffin, S Fischer (Aus) 4:9:27:1.

Catamaran called up

The New Zealanders yesterday acquired a catamaran to help the crew on their 132ft America's Cup challenger sharpen up their starting tactics in the final build-up to the Cup races against Dennis Conner's 59ft multihull defender, starting off San Diego on September 7 (Barry Pickthall writes).

Last week the Californian defenders wrote in a rule, against the wishes of the New Zealanders, that allows either competitor to perform a 720-degree penalty for rule infringements rather than face a protest and possible disqualification.

The clause favours the less manoeuvrable but infinitely faster American catamaran and has led many sailors to believe that the only chance the New Zealanders have of winning is to sink or cripple their rival.

The arrival of the 35ft Formula 500 catamaran, which is to be sailed by a crew of New Zealand and American sailors against the big boat, heightens the belief that David Barnes and his monohull crew have no intention of going down in this Cup event without a fight.

In the separate battle for public opinion, a Gallup poll published today indicates that 53 per cent of all American adults feel it is not fair for sailing boats of radically different type and *design to race against* each other for the Cup; 34 per cent of the 1,050 interviewed by the Gallup organization this week voted the other way and 13 per cent did not know.

MOTORCYCLING

World champion has history on his side

Anderstorp (Reuter) – The world championship leader, Eddie Lawson, of the United States, will have history on his side tomorrow when he races in the Swedish Grand Prix.

For the Californian, who is 20 points ahead of the world champion, Wayne Gardner, of Australia, has put together an impressive record over the years on the tight Swedish track. "I have great memories of Anderstorp," Lawson said. "It was here I clinched my two earlier world championship titles, in 1984 and 1986."

Lawson, aged 29, also held the track record here until last year, when his compatriot, Freddie Spencer, the 1983 and 1985 world champion, clocked a practice-lap time of one minute 36.38 seconds. With only four races now left on the calendar, the battle for the world title is hotting up between Lawson, Gardner and the third-placed American Yamaha rider, Wayne Rainey, competing in his first 500cc season.

Lawson has 195 points, Gardner has 175 and Rainey, fresh from his first 500cc world championship success in the British Grand Prix at Donington Park last week, is still well in contention with 163. With 20 points going to the victor, Gardner can catch Lawson with a single win, throwing the world title wide open as the riders approach the season's final stages. The short straights on the 4.03-km Anderstorp circuit, requiring *considerable acceleration* from the riders, will probably favour the Honda team, but Lawson is unlikely to let Gardner capitalize on that advantage.

In the second practice session yesterday, Lawson was fastest with a lap of 1min 35.36sec.

Off the track, preparations for this year's race have been fraught with as much tension as can be expected from the competition itself, the organisers only just managing to keep the event in Sweden.

Anderstorp's chief race official, Anders Aberg, said: "More and more countries want their own world championship competition. At the same time, racers want to scrap a couple of races in the calendar. So we are in the danger zone all the time."

The Swedish anti-apartheid lobby has also succeeded in pulling the plug at the last minute on planned domestic television coverage of the race, because around 20 riders are on a United Nations blacklist of sportsmen who have competed in South Africa.

SWIMMING

Meagher at full stretch to make third Olympic team

Mary T Meagher joined the élite of American swimmers to be selected for three Olympics, though by a margin of just 0.35sec, when she finished second in the 100 metres butterfly at the trials in Austin, Texas (Steven Downes writes).

A measure of Meagher's greatness is shown by the fact that when she set her world record in the event – 57.93sec – in 1981, *it was faster, for example, than* the French *men's* record.

But time (and times) have marched on and Meagher, a triple gold medal-winner in Los Angeles, now aged 23, has younger rivals to contend with, like Angel Myers, who won the trial in 59.77. Meagher's 59.82sec got her into the team ahead of Janel Jorgensen (60.17sec).

"I was concerned I might not make the team," Meagher said. "I just kept thinking stretch and push. It's the same thing I thought about when I was 12 years old."

The Kentuckian – who was also chosen for the 1980 team which did not attend the boycotted Moscow Olympics – joins a select group that includes Eleanor Holm (1928, 1932 and 1936); Jill Sterkel (1976, 1980 and 1984) and Susan Rapp


Meagher: joins the élite

(1980, 1984 and 1988). The trial for what is considered her strongest event, the 200 metres butterfly, is held this weekend.

Three American records fell during Thursday's session. Matt Cetlinski broke the national record in the 400 metres freestyle with 3min 48.06sec, with the man who had held the previous record (3:49.41), Dan Jorgensen, second in 3min 50.10sec. "I'm really happy to get this record," Cetlinski said. "It took me a long time."

Mike Barrowman, aged 19, born in Asuncion, Paraguay, but now living in Rockville, Maryland, broke the record in the 200 metres breaststroke by 1.2sec with 2:13.84 in the morning preliminaries and came back to swim an identical time in the championship final.

"I was very surprised," he said. "I didn't expect any of this to happen. I was very surprised by the swim," Barrowman said. "I had no idea that I was anywhere near that time."

Barrowman, who trained with the Hungarian national team during the summer, would not let himself get carried away. "I don't see myself winning the gold in Seoul," he said, "not against Josef Szabo. I'd like to be able to race him, but I've seen him train and race and he's unbeatable."

Tracey McFarlane, the Canadian who became a US citizen in May, won her second event, *the 100 metres breaststroke, in* an American record of 1:08.91sec, the fastest time in the world this year.

Janet Evans, the one American whom the East German coaches fear in Seoul, was fastest qualifier for the 800 metres freestyle final. Already with wins in the 400 metres freestyle and 400 metres medley, Evans cruised through her heat in 8:30.78.

Chancery Division — Law report August 13 1988 — Queen's Bench Division

Solicitor's contempt over search order

VDU Installations Ltd v Integrated Computer Systems & Cybernetics Ltd
Before Mr Justice Knox
[Judgment July 18]

A solicitor who had been in charge of the execution of an *Anton Piller* order, for the search and seizure of documents, was in contempt of court because he failed, by what amounted to negligence, properly to explain to the defendant's representatives the true meaning and effect of the order, and allowed *the search to proceed*, in which material was removed and information obtained which were not in fact covered by the order.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division on a motion for the solicitor's committal to prison, and for sequestration of the assets of the plaintiff and of the plaintiff's solicitors.

The plaintiff, VDU Installations Ltd, was ordered to pay the costs of the defendant, Integrated Computer Systems & Cybernetics Ltd ("ICS"), on an indemnity basis, but his Lordship did not consider it appropriate to impose any financial penalties on the plaintiff or its solicitors.

Mr Anthony Walton, QC and Mr George Hamer for the defendant; Mr Anthony Thompson, QC and Mr Richard Hodgson (*neither of whom* were instructed until after the execution of the order) for the plaintiff.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that the defendant's motion, which was before him, was in an action brought originally by VDU against ICS, that being the proposed form of the proceedings when VDU had applied on April 28, 1988 to Mr Justice Millett, *ex parte*, for the grant of an *Anton Piller* order, on the basis of a draft writ.

That draft sought, *inter alia*, injunctions restraining the manufacturing or supplying of copies, or substantial copies, of the plaintiff's components in breach of copyright; inducing employees to break their contracts of employment, passing off, delivery up of all property or documents belonging to the plaintiff; disclosure of the names and addresses of all persons, companies, or firms to whom the defendant had been passing off its goods and services as those of the plaintiff, and the destruction of all infringing copies. The application was supported by an affidavit sworn by a director of VDU, Mrs Rita Battersby.

Mr Justice Millett made the order sought on undertakings given by the plaintiff, forthwith or as soon as possible, to issue a writ of summons claiming relief similar to or connected with the *application* as granted, and on undertakings by the plaintiff's solicitors, Mossops, *inter alia*, to offer to explain to the person or persons served with the order its meaning and effect fairly in everyday language, and to advise the persons so served of their right to obtain legal advice, provided that such advice was obtained forthwith, and further, to answer forthwith any query as to whether any particular document or article was within the scope of the order.

Disclosure was required of the whereabouts of an item known as Part 9034 and a sales address book and all other property of VDU in ICS's possession.

The particular paragraph which actually allowed the search to be made ordered the defendant to permit the plaintiff's representatives to search for and remove the items or material referred to in Mrs Battersby's draft affidavit.

The items were not specifically listed in the order; the second paragraph numbered I in the affidavit referred to original copyright works embodying the design or shape of the plaintiff's electronic components.

On May 17, the defendant issued a motion that the solicitor in charge of the execution of the *Anton Piller* order be committed to prison for contempt of court, and that the assets of the plaintiff and of the plaintiff's solicitors be sequestrated.

The grounds for the contempt motion arose (i) from the manner in which the *Anton Piller* order was carried out; (ii) the late issue of the writ, which was not issued until May 4, and (iii) the alleged improper use of the information obtained by the plaintiff as a result of the order.

Mr Peter Sheppard, the partner of the plaintiff's solicitors charged with the execution of the order, obtained a copy of the order on the evening of the same day on which the order was made.

He observed that it was incomplete because of the reference to Mrs Battersby's draft affidavit, of which he had no copy. He therefore arranged for a copy of the affidavit to be "faxed" to the firm's branch office in Hartley Wintney for the following morning, Friday, on which it was proposed to execute the order.

However, on the Friday morning, although the copy had not yet arrived, he went at once to the defendant's premises without it, arriving at about 8am. Before any copy of the affidavit had arrived, he tried to explain the effect of the order, but he had not read Mrs Battersby's affidavit, and he was therefore only in a position to explain what he thought its effect was.

According to his explanation the order gave him and the plaintiff's employees a very wide power of search. In that he was wrong, but he and the plaintiff's employees proceeded to search the defendant's premises and to remove items and material which were not in fact covered by the order.

In finding Mr Sheppard guilty of contempt of court his Lordship said that Mr Sheppard had preferred the urgency, perceived by his clients, to his duty to the court to see that the *Anton Piller* order was explained to the defendant's representatives in a fair and accurate manner, and to see that the defendants were not misled. There was no doubt that he did not act maliciously but he made a serious error of judgment.

After referring to the words of Mr Justice Scott in *Columbia Picture Industries Inc v Robinson* ([1987] Ch 38), his Lordship concluded that Mr Sheppard had fallen short of the strict requirement that officers of the court, in executing an *Anton Piller* order, should observe the exact terms of the court's order.

In referring to the particulars given in the defendant's motion his Lordship said that that Mr Sheppard was under a duty to give a true and accurate explanation, but that by what amounted to negligence he had failed to discharge that duty with the particularity required.

He had represented to the defendants that he was entitled to search for material which was in fact outside the scope of the order, thereby enabling him and the plaintiff's employees to search through computer files, customer lists and correspondence between the defendant and its customers.

His Lordship had reached *that conclusion despite the argu*ment of Mr Thompson to the effect that before a contempt of court could be proved it had to be based on something that was not casual, accidental or unintentional: that argument was based upon the words of Lord Wilberforce in *Heatons Transport (St Helens) Ltd v Transport and General Workers' Union* ([1973] AC 15, 109).

It was no excuse to say that the act was not done contumaciously. His Lordship was satisfied that it had been held on the highest authority and beyond peradventure that a duty, on an injunction, to do a particular act could, if breached, be a contempt, even though it was not contumacious.

The court imposed an important duty on its officers. That duty could not be relieved by acting inadvertently or carelessly. Negligence was well outside the categories of exemption where a solicitor was concerned.

His Lordship accepted that verification of information obtained under an *Anton Piller* order would have been unexceptionable. It seemed to his Lordship that the use to be made of the information obtained had to be a use which was within the ambit and purpose of the order.

His Lordship also found that the plaintiff's managing director had been guilty of contempt with regard to the use of the material obtained. However, although not a storm in a teacup, his Lordship did not consider the managing director's contempt to be of the gravest matter.

Solicitors: Lane & Partners; Mossops, Hartley Wintney.

Name change objection misconceived

Halvanon Insurance Company Ltd (in liquidation) v Central Reinsurance Corporation and Others
Before Mr Justice Hobhouse
[Judgment July 26]

Objection by the plaintiffs' former solicitors to the deletion of their name and the substitution of the plaintiffs' fresh solicitors' name on an account held jointly in a bank together with the defendants' solicitors was misconceived because the former solicitors could not claim to have a particular lien over the account in respect of unpaid fees.

Mr Justice Hobhouse so stated in the Queen's Bench Division, in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers on making an order, *inter alia*, that the name of the new firm be substituted instead of the previous solicitors as joint holders of the account constituted pursuant to an order of the Court of Appeal of February 25, 1985.

Mr Gavin Kealey for the plaintiff liquidators: Mr Jonathan Mance, QC and Mr Roderick Cordara for the defendant reinsurers: Mr Julian Malins for the solicitors.

MR JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the plaintiffs, Halvanon Insurance Co Ltd, had claims against the defendants, Central Reinsurance Corporation and Ming Tie Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd, under various reinsurance treaties. The defendants disputed their liability.

In March 1983 solicitors on *behalf of the plaintiffs issued* writs and subsequently obtained an Order 14 [summary] judgment against the defendants with damages to be assessed and an order for an interim payment pending assessment of those damages. The defendants appealed.

The Court of Appeal, on February 25, 1985, gave the defendants leave to defend on terms that the whole of the sums in dispute should be paid into a joint account held in the name of two representatives each of the plaintiffs' solicitors and the defendants' solicitors at a Midland Bank plc branch and the sums were "to abide the event of the action".

In late 1985 the plaintiffs went into liquidation and the liquidator had the conduct of the litigation.

In April 1988 the plaintiffs changed their solicitors. By their summonses, the plaintiffs and the defendants asked simply for a change in the names of the *joint account holders.*

The plaintiffs' first solicitors opposed the applications on the ground that they would be deprived of their lien in respect of money standing to the credit of the joint account. The plaintiffs did not dispute the sum owing in respect of work done but did dispute that the solicitors had any lien upon money in the joint account.

The lien claimed by the solicitors was not a general lien but the so-called "particular lien": the subject matter of such a lien was property recovered or preserved or the proceeds of any judgment obtained by the work of the solicitor in relevant proceedings and corresponded with the right of a solicitor to apply for a charging order under section 73 of the Solicitors Act 1974.

In the present case the money had not been paid into court but *into a joint account in the* names of the parties' solicitors "to abide the event of the action".

The use of that phrase was intended to create a situation which was equivalent to that where money had been paid into court to the credit of an action. The difference was that there was less formality and the fund could be managed to enable the maximum amount of interest to be earned.

The two firms of solicitors did not have any interest or right over the fund. The solicitors were officers of the court and were bare trustees. They could not deal with the money save pursuant an order of the court and were not entitled to any interest earned on the account.

The purpose of the trust was defined by the phrase "to abide the event of the action". The beneficiaries of the trust were primarily the defendants but the trustees were bound to have regard to the equitable charge of the plaintiffs.

However, it was not appropriate to discuss the position in terms of beneficiaries since the trustees under that form of order were simply holding the account on behalf of the court.

The solicitors' objection to the applications was misconceived and derived from a misunderstanding of their relationship to the account and *the true nature of a solicitor's* particular lien.

In acceding to the applications his Lordship would not be diminishing or altering the rights of the solicitors, whatever they might be. The question in whose names the account should now be held was simply a matter of convenience. The account holders should be representatives of the two firms of solicitors currently on the record.

His Lordship did not accept the plaintiffs' former solicitors' submission that their rights were dependent upon their being named account holders.

In the present actions no sum would be paid out of the joint account save pursuant to an order of the court following either a determination of the plaintiffs' rights against the defendants or some compromise or settlement of those rights.

If eventually part of the money became payable to the plaintiffs then their former solicitors could intervene and ask that the money should not be paid out until the plaintiffs had settled whatever was their outstanding liability to the solicitors. In such an event there would be no argument that the *relevant sum had been recovered in the action.*

If after the determination of liability the position was that the plaintiffs were not entitled to any sum from the defendants and therefore not entitled to have any sum paid to them out of the joint account then the solicitors would have no equitable right to ask to receive any money from the account as no sum or property would have been recovered or preserved.

While the plaintiffs' rights in respect of the relevant fund remained unascertained and contingent the plaintiffs had an equitable charge on the fund, the solicitors also had an equity in the fund to the extent of their fees.

The fund was under the control of the court and the court could by its own orders ensure that at the time any sum was paid out the payment out took proper account of the equitable rights of the solicitors.

On the material before the court the solicitors had a right to have their interest taken into account when any sum had to be paid out of *the account but the* making of the orders asked for would not prejudice or diminish that right.

Solicitors: Hewitt Woollacott & Chown; Ince & Co; Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners.

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CYCLING

Rivals reach accord on importance of penultimate stage

By Peter Bryan

The penultimate stage of the Tour of Britain from Birmingham to Bristol via Cheddar Gorge will today decide the overall result, even though a further day's racing at Westminster follows tomorrow. That is the view of, the Yellow Jersey, Malcolm Elliott, and his closest rival, Joey McLoughlin, the winner last year.

It is probably the first thing they have agreed upon since the 660-mile race started in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Tuesday having spent most of their time playing cat and mouse with each other at various levels of aggression.

Two half-stages yesterday produced only one change among the top 12 riders, who are all within a minute of Elliott on overall time. The leader, from Sheffield, picked up a one second sprint bonus which increased his lead to 19sec over McLaughlin and pushed everyone else back by a second as well.

Riders had one of the least popular programmes to contend with: a day, starting in Manchester, which halted at Stoke-on-Trent for little more than an hour and then resumed with another race to Birmingham.

The first race saw Pol Verschuere and Jean Manfrin going clear at 18 miles and building up a lead of 10 minutes within the next 26 miles. Neither presented a danger overall and the bunch felt capable of pulling them back if necessary.

They had reckoned without level-crossing gates at Nantwich which halted the bunch for 78 seconds, whereas Verschuere and Manfrin had passed through without delay. These two, their lead reduced,stayed clear to the finish, 5min 16sec ahead.

After a brief rest the riders were on their way again, sometimes hindered, sometimes helped by strong winds that kept them either at 20mph or allowed 40mph bursts according to the road direction.

Five riders went clear soon after 10 miles: Adrian Timmis, Jo Lammerts, Noel Szostek, Javier Murguialday and Henri Manders. Timmis was the main danger to Elliott, lying 7min 43sec behind, not an irrecoverable deficit, but Elliott's Fagor team were taking no chances and never let the gap exceed 1min 45sec, with the world champion, Stephen Roche, Robert Millar, Sean Yates and Bernard Richard, driving at the front of the bunch for more than an hour.

The quintet stayed clear: Manders dropped back on the finishing circuit when a plastic bag jammed his wheel and he had to take a spare. Lammerts won, sitting up, from Szostek, and Timmis took fourth place, seven seconds down.

The main group came in at 26sec, a final attack, five miles from the end, having failed to get Elliott close enough to race for more bonus time.

Six hard climbs, Cheddar Gorge and Birdlip among them, should string out the field today on the 151-mile route. And the result could well be that Roche will prove happier in the hills than Elliott and leap-frog over his colleague into the overall lead.

Today's stage

Stage Five: Birmingham to Bristol (151 miles). Start 10 a.m., via Henley-in-Arden 10.40, Broadway 11.42, Cheltenham 12.21 p.m., Birdlip 12.44, Stroud 13.01, Nailsworth 13.15, Bath 14.15, Cheddar Gorge 15.40, Bristol, final circuit (16.59).

RESULTS: Stage 4A: Liverpool to Stoke-on-Trent (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, P Verschuere (Bel, ADR), 2hr 22min 07sec; 2, J Manfinn (Fr, KAS), same time; 3, K Reynolds (Emmelle MBK), 5min 16sec; 4, M Gayant (Fr, Toshiba), same time; 5, F Vichot (Fr, Weinmann), same time; 6, F Hoste (Bel, ADR), same time. Team: 1, ADR. Stage 4B: Stoke-on-Trent to Birmingham: 1, J Lammerts (Neth, Toshiba) 2hr 4min 34sec; 2, N Szostek (Bel, ADR), same time; 3, J Murguialday (Sp, BH), at 4 sec; 4, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot), 7; 5, I Fagan (Emmelle MBK), 15; 6, H Manders (Neth, Weinmann), same time. Team: 1, Toshiba. Overall: 1, M Elliott (Fagor), 20hr 45min 43sec; 2, J McLoughlin (Z-Peugeot), at 19sec; 3, S Yates (Fagor), 37; 4, S Roche (Fagor), 43; 5, S Kelly (Kas), 47; 6, T Wegmueller (Switz, Kas), 48; 7, D Webster (PMS-Dawes), 50; 8, S Hodge (Aus, Kas), 52; 9, F Vichot (Fr, Weinmann) 53; 10, F Hoste (Bel, ADR), same time; 11, M Gayant (Fr, Toshiba), 57; 12, R Millar (Fagor), same time. TV Times sprints: 1, N Barnes (PMS Dawes), 22pts; 2, M Walsham (Percy Bilton), 17; 3, M Elliott (Fagor), 15.

● **BRUGES:** Frans Maassen, of The Netherlands, took the lead in the Tour of Belgium after winning the third stage race and time trial yesterday (AFP reports).

Maassen won the 129km race from Soignies to Bruges, beating his compatriot, Michel Cornelisse, and Stefano Allocchio, of Italy.

BRUGES: Tour of Belgium: Third stage: 1, F Maassen (Neth), 2hr 52mn; 2, M Cornelisse (Neth); 3, S Allocchio (It); both same time. Time trial: 1, Maassen, 23min 21sec; 2, A Peeper (Aus), at 12sec; 3, E van Lancker (Bel), 17. Overall: 1, Maassen, 14hr 27mn 50sec; 2, van Lancker, at 23sec; 3, Peiper 44.

EQUESTRIANISM

A new life which will begin at 40

Mark Phillips, who was selected for the Olympic three-day event team earlier this week, confirmed yesterday that he will retire from international competition after the Olympics (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Speaking at the Barbour British Open horse trials, at Gatcombe Park, where his several roles include organizer, competitor and course designer, Phillips said that he and Cartier would not be available for next year's european championships.

"I am 40 next month and every year it becomes harder to produce the level of competition that is required."

He will continue to compete in national classes, and does not rule out the possibility of Badminton next year. He declined to comment on the future of his sponsorship by Range Rover but said the company would continue with its support of young riders.

Phillips intends to devote more time to his other interests which, in addition to his farm, now include the Gleneagles Mark Phillips Equestrian Centre in Scotland, writing, television commentary, course designing and teaching.

His course-designing skills are well recognized, and he is designing the course for the Bromont three-day event, to be held in Canada in September.

This entails a punishing pre-Olympic schedule. He will compete on a novice horse at the Wilton horse trials on Sunday, fly to Canada that evening, and spend Monday working on the course at Bromont. He will return on Monday night in time to ride his Olympic horse, Cartier, the following day.

Green leads way after first day

By Jenny MacArthur

Lucinda Green, riding her Chatsworth winner, Mins Lincoln, is in the lead for the Barbour British open championship after the first day of dressage at Gatcombe Park yesterday.

Green, a former world champion who is without a suitable horse for the Seoul Olympics, has a three point lead over the joint runners-up, Claire Mason with The Artful Dodger, and Paddy Muir on Barnabus Brown.

Captain Mark Phillips, who competed *hors concours* with his Olympic horse, Cartier, would have shared fifth place with the New Zealand rider, Vaughn Jefferis, on Sandalwood.

Despite her good score, and a test which was light and rhythmic throughout, Green, a perfectionist, was critical. "There were some over-reactions, he's still a bit fresh," she said.

Mins Lincoln, aged nine, owned jointly by Janet Dobbie and S R International, had been Green's only hope for Olympic selection. Badminton, the main selection trial, proved too big a test for the relatively inexperienced horse and he was retired on the cross-country.

He made a swift return to form with a superb cross-country performance at the Bramham three-day event at the end of May — where he finished fourth after knocking down two fences in the show jumping.

Green, who won Gatcombe in 1984, will have to overcome tough opposition if she is to repeat that feat. Although the five riders in the Olympic team are not allowed to compete across country with their Olympic horses, the two reserve riders, Rodney Powell and Rachel Hunt, will both be "having a go." Powell, lying equal fifth on Special Appointment, said yesterday: "I've got nothing to lose have I?."

They will both perform their dressage test today on their leading horses — The Irishman and Aloaf — along with Ian Stark on Murphy Himself, one of the favourites.

Unlike Britain's Olympic riders, Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the reigning Olympic gold medal winner, is competing across country with both his Olympic horses, Charisma and Bahlua.

Todd, who has also been selected for the New Zealand show jumping team, has not yet decided which of these two horses he will ride in Seoul. "It depends partly on how they go here and partly on how well they travel to Korea," he said yesterday.

RESULTS: Dressage: First day: 1, Mins Lincoln (L Green 30); 2, the Artful Dodger (C Mason 33); Barnabus Brown (P Muir); 4, Sandalwood (V Jeffers, New Zealand 34); 5th, The Done Thing (M Gurdon 35), Special Appointment (R Powell 35); Grayshot (A Benne, New Zealand 35).

● Switzerland, with a score of 24 points, won the Dinard Nations Cup in France, beating Britain into second place, with 36½ points. Italy were third.

RESULT: 1, Switzerland 24; 2, Great Britain 36½; 3, Italy 48½. British team result: Grand Slam (N Skelton 4 and 4); Brook Street Aprd Sun (R Smith 20 and 4); Tulen (A Lewis 12 and 8); Next Gammon (J Whitaker 12 and ½).

Champion retires

Zurich (AP) — Hippolyt Kempf, of Switzerland, the Olympic gold medal-winner in the Nordic combined skiing, has decided to retire from individual competition.

RACING: BOUTIN-TRAINED FILLY HAS BEST CREDENTIALS FOR DEAUVILLE SHOWDOWN

Lambourn mourns loss of Croucher

The racing community of Lambourn was in mourning yesterday following the death, in a car accident, of that popular young National Hunt rider Paul Croucher, who lived in the village with his girl friend and fellow jockey, Tarnya Davis.

His main employer, David Murray-Smith, who had a winner at Plumpton yesterday with *Idle Matinee*, said: "We are all absolutely devastated. Paul was a very good jockey and a superb horseman, especially on a chaser. He had an unflappable attitude. Nothing could ever upset him.

"Last season, Paul's career really took off after quite long periods out of action with serious injuries and this year he had everything to look forward to.

"We have not only lost a very good jockey but a very good friend."

Croucher was also regularly employed by East Ilsley handler Kim Bailey, for whom he partnered Positive to win the Scottish Champion Hurdle in 1987.

Bailey's wife, Tracey, said: "It's a tragedy. Paul was a very close friend and very highly regarded by us all here.

"He had a super season last year and there is no doubt he was heading for the top. He rode most of our 20 winners last season and he was a very quiet sympathetic rider."

Croucher rode ponies on Exmoor, near his north Devon home, as a youngster and joined Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson straight from school. He spent five years with Henderson and gained his first success on the popular Classified in May, 1981 with whom he formed a great understanding.

Henderson said: "We are all shattered by the news. A nicer fellow would be very hard to come across. He is a very great loss to National Hunt racing.

"He had a very bright career ahead of him. He succeeded through being an extremely pleasant and hard-working fellow."



Paul Croucher: career was just taking off

Croucher had travelled down to Newton Abbot on Thursday to partner Arbitrage for Somerset trainer Brian Forsey.

Forsey's wife said: "We are very upset. Paul rang Brian Thursday night after he got home to say he was little worried how the horse went and must have gone out afterwards. He was a very good friend of ours and a wonderful person."

Croucher had ridden a total of 140 winners in eight seasons and enjoyed his best-ever season last term, finishing 10th in the jockeys' championship with 51 successes and riding his first Cheltenham Festival winner, Aquilifer, in the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase.

Croucher's weighing room colleagues were quick to pay tribute at Plumpton yesterday.

Graham McCourt said: "This has come as a tremendous blow to us all. Paul was an extremely popular member of the jockeys' fraternity and he will be greatly missed."

Hywel Davies, one of the senior jump jockeys, added: "Paul was very happy-go-lucky and never seemed to worry about anything. He had a terrible time with injuries the season before last and it speaks volumes for his character that he came back to have such a successful last season."



Miesque and Freddie Head, who attempt to capture the Marois for the second-year running

Miesque can triumph in clash of champion milers

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

Tomorrow's clash of champions, between Miesque, Warning and Soviet Star, in the Prix du Haras de Fresnay-Le-Buffard Jacques Le Marois, should be a race to remember. The sport is designed to produce such showdowns as this, but they occur all too rarely.

Miesque, who strolled home by three lengths from Nashmeel in this race last year, was unimpressive in her only outing so far this season.

It should also be pointed out that no horse has won the Marois twice during the last 60 years.

But Miesque showed that she is in excellent form when working with three stable-companions, all stakes winners, at Chantilly on Tuesday, and may have too much finishing speed for Warning and Soviet Star.

Francois Boutin confirmed the filly's well-being at Clairefontaine yesterday, adding: "She is much more relaxed than she was in the spring."

This race is sponsored by her owner, Stavros Niarchos, who bought the Fresnay-Le-Buffard stud from the late Marcel Boussac, and it has been Miesque's first important target right from the start of the season.

She was in good enough form to contest the Prix d'Ispahan (9½f), at Longchamp on May 29, but she did not have a clear run early in the straight and had a harder race than she should have done.

She led in the last strides and won by a short neck from the super-fit Saint Andrews with Jalaajel, who should win today's Prix Gontaut-Biron (1¼m), 1½ lengths back in third.

Warning signalled his return to form when beating Then Again and Most Welcome in the Sussex Stakes, 17 days ago, but he needs to improve several pounds on that performance to be in with a chance here.

Intimidate runs as a pacemaker for Soviet Star, who was beaten a comfortable 2½ lengths by Miesque in the Prix du Moulin, at Longchamp last September.

Judged by her brilliant performance in the Breeders' Cup Mile, Miesque made further progress after that victory.

Soviet Star's subsequent triumphs in the Prix de la Foret and July Cup suggest that, even if he is not a better horse, he is certainly a more amenable one over shorter distances. Intimidate's presence may help him to settle in the early stages.

The Prix de Psyche, tomorrow's other big race, may be dominated by Sheikh Mohammed's two representatives, Lyphka, who is a half-sister to Soviet Star, and Royal Touch, the Dick Hern-trained filly who has won her last two races, at York and Kempton.

DEAUVILLE TOMORROW

Going: good

3.20 PRIX DU HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE-BUFFARD JACQUES LE MAROIS (Group I: £68,580: 1m str) (6 runners)

1 121-121 SOVIET STAR 38 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-8-1 C Asaussen 2
2 21121-1 MIESQUE 77 (CD,F,G,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin 4-8-12 ..... F Head 6
3 111-211 WARNING 18 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood (GB) 3-8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 4
4 4-20300 INTIMIDATE 60 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain (GB) 3-8-9 ..... W Ryan 3
5 13-1001 GABINA 10 (CD,G,S) (Comtesse M Batthyany) J-C Cunnington 3-8-6 ..... E Legrix 5
6 -300023 HARMLESS ALBATROSS 78 (C,D,G) (R Strauss) R Collet 3-8-6 ..... A Lequeux 1

BETTING 4-5 Miesque, 6-4 Warning, 5-2 Soviet Star & Intimidate (coupled), 25-1 Gabina, 100-1 Harmless Albatross.

FORM SOVIET STAR (9-6) 2l winner from Big Shuffle (9-6) at Newmarket (6f group I, £56,950, good to soft, July 7, 9 ran).

WARNING (8-10) 1½l winner from Then Again (9-7) at Goodwood (1m group I, £170,330, good, July 27, 9 ran).

MIESQUE (8-13) sht nk winner from Saint Andrews (9-2) at Longchamp (1m 1f 55yd group I, £52,796, good to soft, May 29, 6 ran); last season (8-8) comfortable 2½l winner from SOVIET STAR (8-11) at Longchamp (1m group I, £105,418, good, Sept 6, 7 ran).

INTIMIDATE (8-10) 11½l 7th to Indian Ridge (8-10) at Ascot (7f group III, £25,623, firm, June 15, 12 ran).

GABINA (8-7) 2½l winner from Lyphka with HARMLESS ALBATROSS (8-7) another ¾l away 3rd over course and distance (group II, £23,250, good to soft, Aug 4, 10 ran).

Selection: MIESQUE

Impressive Hern colt ineligible for race

Prince Of Dance, the six lengths winner of the listed Washington Singer Stakes at Newbury yesterday, was not qualified for the race, the Jockey Club said after his victory.

The conditions of the race stipulate that runners must be sired by stallions who have won over a mile and a half. Prince Of Dance's sire, Sadler's Wells, never won at that distance.

Nigel Macfarlane, secretary to the disciplinary committee, intends to lodge an objection to the winner on Monday morning. An inquiry, likely to be held subsequently, will be heard under section 174 (V) of the Rules of Racing to determine why Dick Hern's colt was entered in the race. A report has also been requested from Weatherbys.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, said: "It is the ultimate responsibility of the trainer to get his horse in the right race."

However, those who backed Prince Of Dance yesterday will still collect on the 6-4 favourite as the result stands until the disciplinary committee decides what action to take. The colt earned a quote of 16-1 from William Hill for next year's Derby.

Hern's wife, Sheilagh, speaking from her home, said yesterday: "Weatherbys accepted the entry and you would have thought they would have spotted it before now. There's not much else I can say about it at the moment, especially as the owners have not been told."

She added that her husband had made the entry for Prince Of Dance.

Salse and Always Fair, who fought out the finish of the Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle last month, dominated the £27,500 Gardner Merchant Hungerford Stakes, and it was Henry Cecil's Salse, 9-4 favourite, who again emerged triumphant.

Steve Cauthen went for home 1½ furlongs out on Salse, and although Always Fair and Walter Swinburn threw down a strong challenge throughout the final furlong they could never quite peg back Salse, who won by threequarters of a length.

"Although Salse does not like to be in front too soon we thought we would go on halfway up the straight and stretch the others," said Cecil, who has no firm plans for the colt.

The champion trainer has yet to make up his mind over York plans for Kneller, who is in both the Ebor and the Lonsdale Handicap. Kneller is generally 5-1 favourite for the Ebor, but Cecil commented: "I will not be forced to make up my mind just because people have made him favourite for the Ebor. However, at this stage I think that might be the race he'll be going for."

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

5.30 Fingers Crossed. 6.0 Allied Newcastle. 6.30 Pharaoh Blue. 7.0 Marshalstoneswood. 7.30 Whistling Edge. 8.0 Caesar's Palace.

Going: good to firm (watering)

5.30 FARMING BUSINESS ECHO SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £881: 2m) (9 runners)

2 0- CHESAPEAKE CITY 9F R Champion 10-10 ..... R Rowe
3 40-5 GLEN WEAVING 14 (D,S) Mrs S Oliver 10-10 ... R Hyett
8 00-0 MEADOW TERRACE 14 G Moore 10-10 J Callaghan (7)
9 P0-3 MEEDAF 5F (B) R Stubbs 10-10 ..... D Wilkinson
10 NORTHERN SECURITY 73F N Waggott 10-10 ..... Tracy Waggott (7)
11 P-U0 RUN TO WORK 8 (B) T Kersey 10-10. Susan Kersey (7)
12 F-15 FINGERS CROSSED 7 (CD,S) K Morgan 10-5. S Turner
13 RAINBOW ACRES 10F W Wilson 10-5 ..... —
14 THE CROSS 334F L Codd 10-5 ..... —

11-4 Fingers Crossed, 100-30 Glen Weaving, 4-1 Chesapeake City, 6-1 Meedaf, 8-1 Northern Security, 12-1 others.

6.0 LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,389: 3m) (7)

1 33F- SAM DA VINCI 259 (CD,F,G,S) J Blundell 9-12-7 ..... M Bresnan
2 43-3 ALLIED NEWCASTLE 14 (F,S) J Joseph 8-12-4 ..... R Goldstein
3 362- TRAVELOWEN 105 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 11-11-11 A Merrigan (4)
4 044- PRINCE METTERNICH 140 (D,G,S) C Bell 7-10-10 ..... C Dennis (7)
6 334- TURN BLUE 70 (D,F,G,S) R Champion 9-10-0 ..... —
9 P/33 RENSHAW WOOD 7 (F) P Beaumont 8-10-0 ..... Mrs A Farrell
11 06-P THE RIDINGS 8 M Chapman 7-10-0 Miss Fiona Tate (7)

3-1 Prince Metternich, 7-2 Travelowen, 4-1 Allied Newcastle, 6-1 Sam Da Vinci, 10-1 Turn Blue, 12-1 The Ridings.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M W Easterby, 9 winners from 47 runners, 19.1%; P Blockley, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J Blundell, 14 from 108, 13.0%; W A Stephenson, 14 from 111, 12.6%. (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: R Hyett, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; R Rowe, 5 from 22, 22.7%; P Scudamore, 6 from 27, 22.2%; A Webb, 5 from 23, 21.7%; M Dwyer, 15 from 80, 18.8%.

6.30 SPORTS TELEGRAPH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,538: 2m) (11)

1 0-1 PHARAOH BLUE 14 (CD) P Haslam 11-3 P Bowman (7)
2 F44- ABADJERO 211 A Fowler 11-0 ..... D Byrne
4 PP-4 BULLET TRAIN 8 (D,S) J Parkes 11-0 ..... P Harte
6 RS- CASH CRISIS 70 O Brennan 11-0 ..... A J Quinn
8 0/0- DANCING TOM 22F T Fairhurst 11-0 ..... F Perratt (5)
9 04/0 JANAAB 14 J L Harris 11-0 ..... —
11 05- ANOTHER NONSENSE 4F R Whitaker 10-11 .. S Turner
15 00-0 KITTY BLAKE 7 (B) B Temple 10-9 ..... J Hayes (5)
16 3/P- PUNCLE CREAK 25F T Kersey 10-9.. Susan Kersey (5)
17 HURRICANE VALLEY 334F C Bell 10-6 ..... C Dennis
20 3F-0 WHO'S ZOOMIN' WHO 4F M Chapman 10-6 ... R Fahey

1-2 Pharaoh Blue, 7-2 Cash Crisis, 6-1 Bullet Train, 10-1 Another Nonsense, 12-1 others.

7.0 GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,000: 2m) (9)

1 EBONY QUESTE 14F J Wharton 10-12 ..... S J O'Neill
2 STISTED PARK 15F P Haslam 10-12 ..... P Bowman (7)
3 SUNDOWNER 40F Mrs S Oliver 10-12 ..... R Hyett
4 HOMER CITY 16F Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-9 ..... M Dwyer
5 MARSHALSTONESWOOD 10F R Whitaker 10-9 M Ennis
6 NOVAC 15F W A Stephenson 10-9 ..... A Merrigan (4)
9 46 BUZZARDS MAID 7 (B) A Brown 10-4 ..... —
10 CARBON LADY 18F J L Harris 10-4 ..... —
11 MISS SAMAN 23F R Stubbs 10-4 ..... D Wilkinson

11-4 Sundowner, 3-1 Homer City, 4-1 Stisted Park, 6-1 Novac, 8-1 Marshalstonewood, 12-1 Buzzards Maid, 14-1 others.

7.30 SCUNTHORPE EVENING TELEGRAPH NOVICES CHASE (£1,119: 2m 5f) (7)

2 0/0- IWO 350 (F) C Bell 8-11-5 ..... R J Beggan
4 /00- O'SMITH 112 F Watson 7-11-5 ..... G Hanker
5 /U/6 RONYSOL 7 P Blockley 9-11-5 ..... P Niven
7 3-22 VULNERABLE 8 M Chapman 7-11-5 ..... S J O'Neill
8 6/5- KENTUCKY CALLING 91 (F) Miss C Caroe 8-11-3 ..... R Crank
10 240/ GILSAN GREY 441 (F) S Kettlewell 5-10-13 ..... B Storey
11 05-U WHISTLING EDGE 14 (B,F) J Spearing 5-10-13 A Webb

6-4 Vulnerable, 5-2 Iwo, 9-2 Whistling Edge, 8-1 Ronysol, 12-1 Kentucky Calling, 14-1 O'Smith, 20-1 Gilsan Grey.

8.0 GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £985: 2m) (7)

1 CAESAR'S PALACE 47F M Pipe 10-12 ... P Scudamore
2 LOVER'S SECRET 7F P Haslam 10-12 ... P Bowman (7)
5 BUY A LITE 5F R Whitaker 10-9 ..... R J Beggan
6 4 LENDING HAND 10 J Joseph 10-5 ..... R Goldstein
7 REGGAE BEAT 14F I Campbell 10-9 ..... R Campbell
8 IVORDOLL 21F K Bridgwater 10-7 ..... —
10 SMOKEY TRACK 16F J L Harris 10-4 ..... K Sims

10-11 Caesar's Palace, 3-1 Lover's Secret, 5-1 Lending Hand, 8-1 Buy A Lite, 10-1 Smokey Track, 14-1 others.

Joligeneration lined up for Curragh win

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Michael Kinane will deputize for Tony Ives on Ian Balding's Hoy in the Tara Sires Desmond Stakes at the Curragh today. Ives was in pain after winning on Vitality at Newbury yesterday and was later signed off by the doctor for seven days.

Hoy is one of two English runners, along with Guy Harwood's Joligeneration, in this Ir£25,000 event. Also joining battle will be the Vincent O'Brien-trained Dancing Goddess, who was runner-up to Trusted Partner in the Goffs' Irish 1,000 Guineas.

Hoy has proved himself a good handicapper, winning a valuable mile race at Sandown before losing by only a neck and a short head to Strike Force and Foreign Survivor in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood.

Joligeneration was ridden by Harwood's daughter, Amanda, to a six-length win in the Williamson Diamond Ladies' Stakes at Ascot last time. Last season, he ran well, although unplaced, behind Don't Forget Me in the 2,000 Guineas and I take him to retain his unbeaten 1988 record.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Kent.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Nottinghamshire.
ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Worcestershire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Northamptonshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Gloucestershire.
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Somerset

Tour match
11.0 to 6.30, 96 overs minimum
THE OVAL: Surrey v Sri Lankans.
ESSO UNDER 19 FESTIVAL: Oxford (Christ Church): Oxford winner v Cambridge winner (one day, 10.45).

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Wembley Festival
Tottenham v Arsenal (1.30) .....
Bayern Munich v AC Milan (3.30) ...

Scottish B and Q League
Premier division
Celtic v Hearts .....
Dundee v Aberdeen .....
Hamilton v Rangers .....
Hibernian v Motherwell .....
St Mirren v Dundee Utd .....
First division
Ayr v Clydebank .....
Falkirk v Airdrie .....
Forfar v Meadowbank .....
Morton v Clyde .....
Partick v Dunfermline .....
Queen of South v Kilmarnock .....
St Johnstone v Raith .....
Second division
Albion v E Stirling .....
Brechin v Alloa .....
Cowdenbeath v Montrose .....
Dumbarton v E Fife .....
Queen's Park v Berwick .....
Stirling v Stenhsemuir .....
Stranraer v Arbroath .....

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER BOWL: Quarter-final play-off: London Olympians v Leicester Panthers (7.0).

BOWLS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire v Suffolk (Luton Town); Essex v Cambridgeshire (Southend).

COUNTY MATCHES: Hertfordshire v Wiltshire (Welwyn Garden City); Huntingdonshire v Leicestershire (Buckden); Northamptonshire v Oxfordshire (Daventry British Timken); Warwickshire v Buckinghamshire (Wolvey).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: British target championships (Lichfield).
ATHLETICS: British League.
BOWLS: Woolwich EBA championships (Worthing); Holsten All-England crown green finals (Northwich).
CANOEING: Europa Cup final (Nottingham).
CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Fifth stage: Birmingham to Bristol.
EQUESTRIANISM: British open horse trials (Gatcombe Park).
FENCING: Emrys Lloyd Cup: Men's foil (De Beaumont Centre, London).
GLIDING: Open class national championship and regional (at Lasham airfield, Alton); Regional championships (Enstone airfield, Chipping Norton).
MOTORCYCLING: KRC championship races (Brands Hatch); Clubmans races (Cadwell Park).
MOTOR SPORT: European truck racing series (Silverstone); Championship races (Oulton Park).
ORIENTEERING: Welsh festival (Lampeter)..
POLO: National 15-goal handicap tournament (Cirencester).
ROWING: Stourport regatta.
SHOOTING: National small bore championships (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Bradford v Ipswich; Coventry v Belle Vue, Swindon v Oxford. *Speedway Star* Knockout Cup: Quarter-final, second leg: King's Lynn v Cradley. National League: Arena Essex v Wimbledon; Stoke v Poole.
SQUASH RACKETS: Young England v Finland (New Brighton).
SWIMMING: Warrington Dolphins Albert Dock 2 and 4 miles (Liverpool).
TENNIS: Silk Cut challenge, Midland final (Telford).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League
2.0 unless stated, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Kent.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Nottinghamshire.
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Worcestershire (1.30).
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Northamptonshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Gloucestershire.
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire (1.30).
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Somerset.

Tour match
11.0 to 6.30, 98 overs minimum
THE OVAL: Surrey v Sri Lankans.
CHARITY MATCH: Cambridge: Cambridge Festival XI v Lord's Taverners' XI.

FOOTBALL

Wembley Festival
Third place play-off (1.30) .....
Final (3.30) .....

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER BOWL: Quarter-final play-offs: Birmingham Bulls v Fylde Falcons (3.0), London Ravens v Luton Flyers (2.30); Manchester Spartans v Glasgow Lions (2.15).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: British target championships (Lichfield).
EQUESTRIANISM: British open horse trials (Gatcombe Park).
GLIDING: Open class national championship and regional (at Lasham airfield, Alton); Regional championships (Enstone airfield, Chipping Norton).
MOTOR SPORT: European truck racing series (Silverstone); BRSCC championship races (Cadwell Park); Clubmans races (Snetterton).
POLO: National 15-goal handicap tournament (Cirencester).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Cumbria Cup, semi-final: Workington v Barrow (2.30).
SHOOTING: National small bore championships (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Eastbourne v Middlesbrough; Mildenhall v Poole. Knockout Cup: Semi-final: Berwick v Wimbledon. Scottish Cup: Glasgow v Edinburgh.
SWIMMING: Sandown to Shanklin pier to pier 2½ miles (Isle of Wight).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Border/Granada: 12-1, 2-5 p.m.: Bass Masters crown green tournament from Ellesmere Port.

CRICKET: Yorkshire TV 11.30 a.m.-noon, 1.05-6 p.m.: Coverage of Yorkshire v Somerset.

CYCLING: C4 10.55 -11.55 p.m.: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Fifth stage: Birmingham to Bristol.

FOOTBALL: ITV 3.15-5.30 p.m.: Wembley Festival of Football: Live coverage of Bayern Munich v AC Milan and highlights of Arsenal v Tottenham. ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomorrow): Major Indoor Soccer League: Cleveland v Chicago.

GOLF: BBC1 10.40-midnight: United States PGA championship: Coverage from the Oak Tree Country Club, Oklahoma (see also Grandstand).

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.30-5.05 p.m.: Golf: United States PGA from Oklahoma and British Women's open championship from Lindrick GC, Worksop. Racing: 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races from Newbury. Canoeing: ICF Europa Cup from Nottingham. Motor Sport: Truck racing from Silverstone. Cycling: National track championships from Leicester. Olympic Games: Rowing and Britain's coxless fours entry. Final score: 4.55 p.m.

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: ITV 2.30-4.30 p.m.: Dairy Crest Games: Great Britain v Hungary v International select from Gateshead.
CYCLING: C4 5-7.15 p.m.: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Sixth stage: Circuit of Westminster.

FOOTBALL: ITV 4.30-6.25 p.m. Highlights 12.30-1 a.m.: Wembley Festival of Football: Coverage of the final day.

GAELIC FOOTBALL: Ulster 11.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.: All-Ireland Semi-final: Highlights of Monaghan v Cork from Croke Park, Dublin.

GOLF: BBC1 11.50 p.m.-12.55 a.m.: United States PGA championship: Coverage of the final round from the Oak Tree Country Club, Oklahoma (see also Sunday Grandstand).
MOTOR SPORT: ITV 3-5 a.m. (Monday): Indy-Car racing: Checker 200 race from Phoenix.

SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: BBC2 1.30-6.50 p.m.: Equestrianism: Barbour British open horse trials from Gatcombe Park. Cricket: Refuge Assurance League: Sussex v Lancashire from Hove (BBC2 Wales 3-4, 5-6.30 p.m.: Glamorgan v Worcestershire). Golf: United States PGA championship: Highlights of the third round from Oklahoma.

Yesterday's results

Newbury

Going: good

2.10 (6f) 1, TAKENHALL (M Marshall, 6-1 jt-fav), 2, Laughing Home (Ron Hillis, 9-1); 3, Scarlet Prince (A Tucker, 33-1); 4, Little Enchantress (P Lynch, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 School Concert (5th), 15-2 Clipper Queen, 8 Monomoy Light, Windatum, Social Asset, 14 Final Lot, L'Ecu, Vanishing Sprint, 20 Romany Belle Sayant, 33 Demerger, Onbee, Improved Again, Darrakeena (6th). 18 ran, 2l, 3l, 1½l, ¾l, ½l. M Fetherston-Godley at East Ilsley. Tote: £6.00; £1.90, £2.10. £14.00, £3.40. DF: £66.60. CSF: £56.96. Tricast: £1,502.81. 1mn 18.77sec.

2.40 96f) 1, VITALITY (T Ives, 20-1); 2, Moviegoer (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Command Performer (M Roberts, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Alkarnyh (6th), 6 Medicosma, 10 Halstead (5th), 11 Settlement, 16 Hoop La, 20 Eastern Home, 20 The Kings Daughter, Newis, 25 Hebridean Song, Kalaparty, 33 Arrayed, Bayan Beauty, Casting Vote, Golden Image, Hocus, Lucky Song (4th), Miss Simone, Mossy Rose, Penstyle, Swinging Partner. 23 ran. Nk, ¾l, hd, 2l, 1½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £24.80; £4.50, £3.20, £1.80. DF: £200.30. CSF: £175.93. 1mn 19.75sec.

3.10 (7f 60yd) 1, SALSE (S Cauthen, 9-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Always Fair (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 3, Otasometlow (R Cochrane, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gharibe, 13-2 Indian Ridge (6th), 15-2 Zelph (5th), 8 Prince Rupert (4th), 33 Bin Shaddad, 66 Wantage Park, 100 Pharoah's Pride, 150 Sharp Romance. 11 ran. ¾l, 5l, sh hd, ½l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £17.36. 1mn 30.30sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, PRINCE OF DANCE (W Carson, 6-4 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Zelaid (S Cauthen, 5-2); 3, Alsid (R Hills, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Tarmon (5th), 50 Polar Region (4th). 5 ran. 6l, 1l, 2½l, 1½l. W Hern at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £5.43. 1min 30.29sec.

4.10 (1m) 1, WRETHAM (W R Swinburn, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Buckra Bellisaga (W Newnes, 12-1

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LE SHOWDOWN

Impressiv Hern colt ineligible for race

Prince Of Dance, the six… winner of the listed W… Singer Stakes at Newbury… terday, was not qualified f… race, the Jockey Club said … his victory.

The conditions of the … stipulate that runners must … sired by stallions who have … over a mile and a half. Prince Dance's sire, Sadler's … never won at that distance.

Nigel Macfarlane, secretary … the disciplinary committee … lands to lodge an objection … the winner on Monday … the Antiquum, likely … subsequently will be … under section 174 (v) … Rules of Racing to … why Dick Hern's colt … entered in the race. A repre… also been requested … Weatherbys.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club … spokesman, said: "It is … ultimate responsibility of … trainer to get his horse in … right race."

However, those who had … Prince of Dance yesterday … still collect on the 6-4 fav… or the result stands and … disciplinary committee do … what action to take. The … earned a profit of £61 … William Hill for each … Derby.

Hern's wife, Sheilagh, … ing from far home and … terday. "Weatherbys … the entry and you would … thought they would have … before now. There … much else I can say … the moment, especially … She added that her … to be sure to enjoy … Always Pass… but… Stakes … Touch… Derby … Jolly … acce… Cup … further … Joliganerations lined up for Curragh vi…

Moon Madness poised for encore

By Mandarin

Moon Madness can gain his second successive victory in the Walmac International Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury this afternoon. He is my nap.

The five-year-old began the season with a comfortable win over Lake Erie in the 1¾-mile Yorkshire Cup in May, but he has found life tougher in his three subsequent races over shorter trips against stiffer opposition.

He finished third to Triptych in the Coronation Cup, occupied the same position behind stable companion Almaarad at Royal Ascot, and then finished well behind Mtoto in the King George.

Those races were over a mile and a half, and that trip probably finds Moon Madness out for pace. John Dunlop's horse should be more at home over this longer distance.

The main danger is likely come from Merce Cunningham and Melodist. The former has lived up to his reputation with a vengeance this year, winning all of his five starts, most notably a group three race at Saint-Cloud last month from Royal Gait. However, this is a step up in class for him and he gets only 3lb from Moon Madness.

Melodist has won two group one events this season, the Italian and Irish Oaks, dead-beating with Diminuendo in the latter. But she is penalized 6lb for those wins, and there is little doubt that Diminuendo was below her Epsom best at the Curragh.

The listed Goffs St Hugh's Stakes brings together some useful fillies, the best of which may prove to be Bryant. Although she is a winner over six furlongs here it was her second to Muhbubh, subsequently successful from Kerrera in a high-class race at Ascot, which I find particularly appealing.



John Dunlop: chasing repeat victory with Moon Madness

There is a slight reservation about her returning to the minimum trip, particularly as she is by the St Leger winner Touching Wood, but she has been going well at that distance in previous races, and also she has the scope to continue to improve.

Misbah can make a successful entry into handicap company in the ATS Handicap. He has won two conditions races in eye-catching style, particularly on the latter occasion when emphatically beating Magsood by five lengths at Leicester.

None of his rivals can be comfortably written off, but Alec Stewart has always had a high opinion of this son of Lypheor and he can successfully negotiate the step up in class.

Dick Hern introduces the highly-regared Nashwan in the EBF Yattendon Maiden Stakes, although this has not been an especially lucky race for the West Ilsley trainer recently.

He has had a beaten favourite in each of the last two runnings, and last year Unfuwain was eclipsed by the stable second string, Minster Son.

However, Nashwan, a half-brother to Unfuwain, can set the record straight today.

Misbah's running will be a guide to the prospects of Magsood in the Lex Service Handicap at Ripon. He has a clear chance but in this instance I side with Preziosa, a decisive winner at Lingfield in June.

Song Of Hope can add to her Ayr victory in the Allied Dunbar Horn Blower Stakes.

At Wolverhampton, Luca Cumani's Falco can take the Pains Lane Graduation Stakes, while at the day's other evening Flat meeting, Lingfield, the Newmarket trainer may also have the answer to the Haymarket Publishing Fillies' Graduation Stakes with Glendera.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 2.0 Bryant. **RIPON:** 2.45 Off The Record, 4.45 Monastic Habit. **LINGFIELD:** 5.55 Virginia's Bay, 6.20 Sheshells, Golfe du Lion, 6.45 Beauchamp Buzz, 7.45 Annacando, Yuan Princess. **WOLVERHAMPTON:** 5.45 Barter, Cavalier Spirit, Petrilla, 6.15 Golden Graduate, Ray With Words, Ryans Carroll.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Bryant.	2.00 Konbola.
2.30 Misbah.	2.30 Misbah.
3.00 MOON MADNESS (nap).	3.00 Melodist.
3.30 Dramatic Event.	3.30 Will Be Bold.
4.00 Nashwan.	4.00 Ajraas.
4.30 Our Freddie.	4.30 Durasingh.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Misbah. 3.00 Merce Cunningham. 4.00 NASHWAN (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good — **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 GOFFS ST HUGH'S STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £8,990: 5f) (12 runners) — BBC 1

101	(1)	110	TATOUMA 16 (C,D,F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	84
102	(6)	211	ALCANDO 14 (D,G,S) (N Cowan) C James 8-8	A McGlone	93
103	(4)	613415	BELLA ROSSI 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Hammsworth) M McCormack 8-8	B Raymond	● 99
104	(5)	311245	BOCAS ROSE 15 (D,F) (R Bernard) R Hannon 8-8	B Rouse	94
105	(9)	210	BRYANT 20 (B,C,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 8-8	J Reid	90
106	(8)	215422	DESERT DAWN 58 (G) (K Al-Ahmed) John FitzGerald 8-8	R Hills	97
107	(10)	11	FIRE SPRITE 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Bridgwood) M Prescott 8-8	G Duffield	80
108	(2)	3120	FIT FOR A QUEEN 23 (F) (Gulzeg Stud Limited) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	82
109	(7)	0410	JOMANA 14 (D,F) (M Nashar) J Fox 8-8	W Carson	74
110	(12)	23	KONBOLA 15 (A Foustok) W A O'Gorman 8-8	W R Swinburn	98
111	(11)	1104	KNIGHT LADY 16 (D,F,S) (P Gorman) J Berry 8-8	R Cochrane	81
113	(3)	32416	SNAKE SONG 18 (D,S) (E Thomas) J Wharton 8-8	N Day	87

BETTING: 11-4 Konbola, 9-2 Bocas Rose, 11-2 Fit For A Queen, 6-1 Bryant, 8-1 Fire Sprite, Alcando, 10-1 Desert Dawn, Tatouma, 14-1 Jomana, 16-1 others.

1987: PEA GREEN 8 11 P Waldron (7-1) R Akehurst 9 ran

FORM TATOUMA (8-8) beat Dona Krista (8-5) 1l at Newbury (6f, £7,583, good to soft, June 9, 4 ran) with BELLA ROSSI 20 lengths away 4th.

ALCANDO (9-5) beat Continental Claire (8-2) 1l at Windsor (5f h'cap, £2,624, good, July 30, 13 ran).

BOCAS ROSE (8-9) 10l fourth to Kerrera (8-9) at Newmarket (6f group III, £16,416, good, July 5, 9 ran).

BRYANT (8-9) beat Skazka (8-9) 1½l at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,084, good, June 26, 11 ran).

DESERT DAWN (8-8) 2½l 2nd to Superpower (8-13) at Ascot (5f group III, £19,835, firm, June 16, 10 ran).

KONBOLA (8-7) 1l 3rd to Almost Blue (8-12) at Goodwood (5f group III, £15,786, good to soft, July 29, 13 ran).

SNAKE SONG (8-6) beat Heemee (7-7) 1½l at York (5f h'cap, £4,078, good to soft, July 9, 10 ran).

Selection: DESERT DAWN

2.30 ATS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £10,612: 1m 4f) (10 runners) — BBC 1

203	(8)	521121	PER QUOD 7 (G,S) (H Turney McKnight) B Hanbury 9-9 (3ex)	NON—RUNNER	—
204	(2)	05-1103	KNIGHT LINE DANCER 44 (D,G) (G Mezza) M Jarvis 9-7	B Raymond	86
210	(1)	40-6105	PADDY EGAN 16 (F,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-1	R Cochrane	91
211	(5)	11	MISBAH 33 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-1	M Roberts	90
212	(9)	53215-5	BANNISTER 99 (G) (Lord Rothenwick) W Hern 8-12	W Carson	85
215	(4)	28133	BUSTED ROCK 7 (G) (Elisha Holding) Mrs L Piggott 8-11	J Reid	● 99
216	(6)	053301	RAKES LANE 12 (D,F,G) (A Smeaton) S Norton 8-10 (5ex)	G Duffield	92
218	(10)	2-2201	KAZAVIYNA 15 (F) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-7 (5ex)	W R Swinburn	96
222	(3)	512	ARMERIA 19 (BF,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-5	Pat Eddery	91
223	(7)	251120	OSTURA 15 (C,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-4	T Quinn	90

BETTING: 7-2 Misbah, 9-2 Kazavinya, 7-1 Armeria, 8-1 Rakes Lane, Busted Rock, Knight Line Dancer, 12-1 Bannister, Ostura, 16-1 Paddy Egan.

1987: TIMEFIGHTER 9-7 Pat Eddery (9-2) J Tree 10 ran

FORM MISBAH (8-10) beat Magsood (8-13) 5l at Leicester (1m 4f, £2,408, good, July 11, 3 ran). Likely to improve further.

BUSTED ROCK (8-2) 1l 3rd to Picea (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 4f h'cap, £18,052, good to firm, Aug 6, 14 ran).

RAKES LANE (8-12) beat Picea (9-10) a head at Ripon (1m 4f h'cap, £6,807, good, Aug 1, 9 ran).

KAZAVIYNA (7-10) beat Magnus Pym (8-3) ¾l at Goodwood (1m 2f h'cap, £25,508, good to firm, July 29, 14 ran) with OSTURA (7-10) 7l away in 9th.

ARMERIA (9-4) 2½l 2nd to Vaguely Hidden (9-7) at Windsor (1m 2f 22yd graduation, £959, good to soft, July 25, 11 ran).

Selection: KAZAVIYNA

3.0 WALMAC INTERNATIONAL GEOFFREY FREER STAKES (Group II: £33,300: 1m 5f 60yd) (6 runners) — BBC 1

301	(1)	316-344	IBN BEY 39 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-6	S Cauthen	97
302	(3)	66-1330	MOON MADNESS 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 5-9-6	Pat Eddery	● 99
303	(4)	3-11111	MERCE CUNNINGHAM 30 (CD,F,G,S) (P Brant) W Hern 4-9-5	W Carson	96
307	(6)	33-4361	WATERFIELD 35 (G) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-9-2	P Cook	91
306	(2)	5213-11	MELODIST 35 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-8	W Swinburn	96
310	(5)	4-54501	TOP CLASS 44 (F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 3-8-3	M Roberts	88

BETTING: 2-1 Moon Madness, 11-4 Melodist, 3-1 Merce Cunningham, 8-1 Ibn Bey, 10-1 Top Class, 14-1 Waterfield.

1987: MOON MADNESS 4-9-6 Pat Eddery (11-8) J Dunlop 4 ran

FORM IBN BEY (9-5) 2½l 4th to Unfuwain (8-0) at Newmarket (1m 4f group II, £37,332, good, July 5, 5 ran).

MOON MADNESS (9-0) 2¾l 3rd to Triptych (8-11) at Epsom (1m 4f group I, £59,688, good, June 2, 4 ran).

MERCE CUNNINGHAM (9-0) beat Royal Gait (9-7) ½l at Saint-Cloud (1m 4f 110yd group II, £46,240, soft, July 14, 10 ran).

WATERFIELD (8-12) beat Princess Genista (7-11) 3l at Lingfield (1m 6f listed, £15,036, good, July 9, 6 ran).

MELODIST (9-0) dead-heated with Diminuendo (9-0) in the Irish Oaks at The Curragh (1m 4f group I, £99,700, good, July 9, 9 ran).

TOP CLASS (8-10) beat Destur (8-13) 5l at Haydock (1m 4f listed, £8,426, firm, June 30, 3 ran).

Selection: MOON MADNESS

RIPON

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 National Service.	2.45 National Service.
3.15 Passage East.	3.15 —
3.45 Preziosa.	3.45 Magsood.
4.15 Song Of Hope.	4.15 Access Travel.
4.45 Pelham Place.	4.45 Dealers Delight.
5.15 Brutus.	5.15 Absolution.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 NATIONAL SERVICE.

Going: good — **Draw: no advantage**

2.45 VOLVO MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,715: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	20-0	ANCIENT FLAME 105 (R Hibbert) B Hanbury 9-0	P Bloomfield	93
4	(2)	3-2	NATIONAL SERVICE 93 (Maverick) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	Dean McKeown	● 99
5	(10)	20-5486	OFF THE RECORD 7 (B,BF) (C Bryan) W Haigh 9-0	R Guest	92
7	(1)	000-00	RARE WORDS 67 (D Furlong) A Bailey 9-0	J Bleasdale	—
8	(5)	662344	REED 22 (Mrs H Clarke) R Hollinshead 9-0	A Culhane (3)	80
12	(4)	00-2202	WESTERN FRONTIER 18 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	E Johnson	94
13	(6)	4-3234	BEST NIECE 25 (Mrs C St George) H Cecil 8-11	Paul Eddery	87
15	(7)		HAVING FUN (L Holliday) H Candy 8-11	D J Williams (5)	—
19	(9)	0	OUR LADY SOPIE 25 (Elisha Holdings Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 8-11	B Crossley	—
21	(3)	32-6803	TAWNAIS 8 (J Bray) R Armstrong 8-11	G Baxter	91

BETTING: 13-8 National Service, 7-2 Best Niece, 4-1 Tawnais, 7-1 Western Frontier, 10-1 Off The Record, 14-1 Ancient Flame, 20-1 others.

1987: GOLDEN VEST 9-0 M Birch (5-2) M H Easterby 15 ran

3.15 CHIEF BARKER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,380: 6f) (18 runners)

2	(1)	420341	ROSE OF HIGH LEGH 12 (B,CD,G) (B Durkin Associates) J Berry 8-13	K Darley	80
3	(11)	50	ANOTHER MARCH 5 (T Wilson) T Barron 8-11	D Nicholls	—
4	(12)		BOWMONT SWEETIE (W Johnson) J Haldane 8-11	L Charnock	—
5	(3)	045535	CHECK THE GATE 8 (V) (L Norman) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	90
6	(9)	04620	CLASSIC SUITE 8 (G Farndon Eng Co Ltd) R Whitaker 8-11	C Dwyer	● 99
9	(5)	50	MILLEONE 29 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-11	Dean McKeown	88
14	(4)	630	ANGEL'S GUEST 32 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 8-6	J Bleasdale	92
17	(13)	036	FIT FOR COUNSEL 10 (A Lovendge) C Thornton 8-6	J Bleasdale	90
18	(17)	5	FOLLOW THAT TAXI 12 (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 8-6	S Buckton	—
20	(16)	0	HUSHABYE BABY 10 (G Simpson) A Potts 8-6	R P Elliott	83
21	(10)	0320	JJ'S GIRL 17 (J Gahan) Ron Thompson 8-6	K Fallon (5)	73
22	(14)	644	KARENS STARLET 12 (G Clarkson) G Moore 8-6	M Fry	—
23	(2)	60	LINDSEY DOYLE 8 (J Delahooke) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	P Burke (5)	72
24	(7)	004626	LINWITH LADY 37 (P Eddell) D Chapman 8-6	N Connorton	90
25	(15)	650	MCA LUCKY STAR 17 (M Clynes Associates Ltd) W Pearce 8-6	Paul Eddery	85
26	(18)	0662	PASSAGE EAST 12 (BF) (Thoroughbred Racing) M W Easterby 8-6	A Culhane (3)	—
28	(8)	00505	SKY HILL 11 (P White) R Hollinshead 8-6	S Horsfall	86
29	(6)	0600	TALIANNA 32 (Jackson Construction Co Ltd) J Balding 8-6	S Perks	86

BETTING: 5-2 Classic Suite, 100-30 Fit For Counsel, 6-1 Check The Gate, 8-1 Mca Lucky Star, 10-1 Passage East, 12-1 Rose Of High Legh, 14-1 JJ's Girl, 16-1 Linwith Lady, 20-1 others.

1987: YUFFROUW ANN 8-8 G Berdawell (4-1) K Ivory 23 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Candy	6	13	46.2
H Cecil	8	19	42.1
W Hastings-Bass	4	14	28.6
L Cumani	7	26	26.9
R Armstrong	5	24	20.8
G P-Gordon	3	16	18.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Baxter	5	14	35.7
Paul Eddery	6	30	20.0
Rae Guest	4	27	14.8
P Burke	3	24	12.5
D Nicholls	14	133	10.5
M Birch	14	139	10.1

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3.30 LADBROKES RACING HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,240: 7f) (12 runners)

403	(12)	121052	SHABANAZ 10 (D,G) (N Aboobaker) R Hannon 9-7	R Wernham	94
405	(5)	613431	VERY ADJACENT 7 (F) (J Lawrence) D Lang 9-4 (6ex)	T Williams	93
406	(6)	01-4004	FORTINBRAS 14 (F,G) (T Barker) E Weymes 9-3	S Cauthen	93
408	(4)	16-355	RUNNETTFORFUN 38 (F) (A Smith) C Nelson 9-2	J Reid	89
410	(9)	02-2111	DRAMATIC EVENT 8 (D,G) (D Wosskow) J Etherington 9-0 (6ex)	W R Swinburn	97
412	(7)	005002	LUSTY LAD 8 (F,G) (A Walder) M Haynes 8-10	B Rouse	95
414	(2)	040-346	HORATIAN 52 (J Tudor) N Vigors 8-8	P Cook	89
416	(8)	4-42514	HEMLINE 15 (D,G) (R Hambro) P Walwyn 8-5	Pat Eddery	92
417	(11)	500052	EMPIRE JOY 14 (R Dei Rosario) C Horgan 8-3	R Cochrane	● 99
418	(10)	002250	FULL BLAST 10 (F) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 8-2	Dana Mellor (5)	92
419	(1)	32-26	WILL BE BOLD 18 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 7-12	G King	86
420	(3)	555-	WESTLAND DANCER 299 (M Holley) M McCormack 7-7	N Adams	—

Long handicap: Westland Dancer 6-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Dramatic Event, 9-2 Empire Joy, 11-2 Lusty Lad, 6-1 Very Adjacent, 8-1 Shabanaz, Fortinbras, Hemline, 12-1 Runnottforfun, 14-1 Will Be Bold, 16-1 others.

1987: LEYALIA 8-12 M Roberts (4-1 fav) A Stewart 16 ran

4.0 EBF YATTENDON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,325: 7f) (27 runners)

501	(5)		AJRAAS (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	A Kimberley	—
504	(26)	0	ARAMA 52 (Pauserroy Limited) M Haynes 9-0	—	—
505	(25)		BAYSHAM (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	S P Griffiths	—
506	(15)		BELPENEL (Wafic Said) B Hills 9-0	M Kettle	—
508	(10)	2	CHILD OF THE MIST 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	92
509	(6)		CODE SATIN (R Clay) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
510	(27)	0	COLONIAL OFFICE 35 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Mcnamee	—
511	(3)		DAWN STORM (Windflower Overseas Inc) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	—
512	(23)	3	DOUBLE ENCORE 22 (BF) (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 9-0	J Reid	● 99
514	(18)		EXCELSIS (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-0	G Duffield	—
515	(17)		FLAMING GORGE (R Bastian) D Elsworth 9-0	T Williams	—
518	(1)		GREEN ISLAND (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0	P Cook	—
518	(20)		HAKEDMA (M Palmer) W Brooks 9-0	S Whitworth	—
519	(19)		HEART OF GROOM (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0	G Sexton	—
520	(16)		HIRSEL LAW (W Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-0	N Adams	—
525	(22)		LUCKY VERDICT (Mrs M Leigh) J Hills 9-0	N Day	—
527	(14)		MURANGO (Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-0	W Ryan	—
528	(7)	0	MYSTERY BAND 15 (Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 9-0	A Bond	—
529	(12)		MYTASKI (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0	B Procter	—
530	(21)		NASHWAN (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	—
533	(11)		PRORUTORI (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
535	(8)		SKIRBECK (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
536	(13)		SULTAN'S SON (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
538	(9)	4	TIGER CLAW 35 (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) I Balding 9-0	R Cochrane	—
539	(2)	5	UNDERWORLD 22 (G Harwood) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	84
540	(24)	43	VAKILY PERCEPTIVE 21 (A Shenston) B Stevens 9-0	D Mckay	76
541	(4)	33	YOUNG TURPIN 35 (H Senn) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen	74

BETTING: 3-1 Nashwan, 7-2 Double Encore, 6-1 Child Of The Mist, 8-1 Code Satin, Skirbeck, 10-1 Young Turpin, 12-1 Tiger Claw, 14-1 Sultan's Son, 16-1 others.

1987: MINSTER SON 9-0 B Proctor (20-1) W Hern 27 ran

4.30 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (£4,337: 5f) (20 runners)

601	(11)	310234	SIR CAPTAIN 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Etherington) J Etherington 4-9-10	R Cochrane	93
604	(14)	126215	IMPALA LASS 15 (D,F,G,S) (R Shaw) B McMahon 5-9-6	M Lynch (5)	95
606	(20)	0-00102	DURASINGH 10 (D,F) (T Warner) M Jarvis 6-9-4	B Raymond	85
607	(17)	025040	COPPERHILL LAD 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) L Holt 5-9-3	M Hills	92
608	(5)	0-50040	MICRO LOVE 18 (D,F,G) (J Stafford) H O'Neill 4-9-1	T Williams	92
609	(9)	464222	NO BEATING HARTS 21 (D,BF,F,S) (C Taylor) M McCormack 5-9-0	S Cauthen	91
610	(18)	514506	CHAIN SHOT 9 (B,D,F,S) (M Semmonds) N Vigors 3-9-0	P Cook	93
611	(6)	023014	UPTOWN GIRL 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Lockwood) D Chapman 8-8-12	S Webster	90
612	(12)	004303	FARMER JOCK 18 (D,F) (Mrs N Macauley 6-8-10	A Mackay	90
613	(2)	000003	NORTH OF WATFORD 8 (R Aylward) J H Wilson 3-8-9	W R Swinburn	89
614	(13)	025100	TACHYON PARK 8 (B,D,F,G) (J Rowland) P Arthur 6-8-6	W Ryan	93
615	(15)	000312	OUR FREDDIE 12 (B,D,S) (T Mills) W Carter 4-8-7	J Reid	92
617	(10)	3-02525	TYLERS WOOD 9 (Mrs J Redmond) J Winter 3-8-6	N Day	89
618	(19)	035301	CHUMMY'S CHARM 19 (B,S) (C Gaventa) G Lewis 3-8-3	Pat Eddery	98
619	(1)	04-0004	JEANNIE HOSKINS 14 (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 3-8-2	S Whitworth	92
621	(16)	000002	PENDOR DANCER 3 (V,D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 5-7-13	Dana Mellor (5)	98
622	(8)	021200	GOLDEN CHARIOT 8 (B,D,S) (T Wong) M Brittain 3-7-12	A Munro (5)	91
623	(4)	202250	HIGH VELOCITY 19 (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 5-7-10	D McKay	● 99
624	(3)	050600	BARNBY DON 14 (D,S) (Lambourn Racing Ltd) M Usher 4-7-7	Dale Gibson (5)	84
625	(7)	130340	ROYAL BEAR 14 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J Bradley 6-7-7	N Adams	90

Long handicap: Barnby Don 7-6, Royal Bear 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Chummys Charm, 7-1 Durasingh, No Beating Harts, 8-1 Our Freddie, 10-1 High Velocity, Impala Lass, Tachyon Park, 12-1 Ski Captain, 14-1 Chain Shot, 16-1 others.

1987: THE MECHANIC 4-8-1 M Hills (7-1) J Sutcliffe 17 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Stoute	17	71	23.9
J Tree	16	105	15.2
W Hern	18	138	13.0
K Ivory	3	24	12.5
C Brittain	12	98	12.2
G Harwood	6	50	12.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	29	182	21.4
S Cauthen	37	188	19.7
B Raymond	5	32	15.6
W Carson	33	227	14.5
W R Swinburn	17	122	13.9
M Roberts	7	57	12.3

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.45 LEX SERVICE HANDICAP STAKES (£2,070: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1	(9)	000106	NORMAN INVADER 14 (F) (Lord De La Warr) L Cumani 4-9-13	L Dettori (5)	96
2	(8)	100523	BEN ADHEM 19 (G,S) (G Kidd) H Candy 6-9-7	D J Williams (5)	97
3	(13)	422148	BALLYDURROW 12 (CD,F,G) (S Marsh) R Fisher 11-9-4	D Nicholls	93
5	(12)	0-5413	PREZIOSA 28 (D,F) (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-12	G Carter	90
7	(4)	0-3162	MAGSOOD 33 (D,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-12	Paul Eddery	94
8	(7)	3300-22	REGAL REFORM 71J (BF) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-8-10	J Bleasdale	95
10	(11)	5-24126	HAGGS TAVERN 50 (D,BF,F) (W Smith) W Pearce 3-8-7	K Fallon (5)	97
11	(2)	313-335	AUTONOMOUS 93 (G) (C Booth) J Leigh 3-8-6	M Birch	96
12	(6)	314206	PLAN OF ATTACK 11 (V,F,S) (F Lee) F Lee 4-8-5	S Perks	96
14	(10)	324051	BURCROFT 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (R Lee) R Whitaker 4-8-1 (5ex)	A Culhane (3)	92
15	(3)	0-03034	MY MUSZKA 12 (G) (Lord Haddington) D Arbuthnot 4-8-0	K Darley	● 99
16	(1)	565320	MISS LAMB 10 (D,F) (Mrs T Hall) Miss S Hall 4-7-12	P Burke (5)	90
18	(5)	406345	REGENT LAD 10 (B) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 4-7-7	L Charnock	91

Long handicap: Regent Lad 7-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Magsood, 4-1 Ben Adhem, 6-1 Norman Invader, 7-1 Autonomous, 8-1 My Muszka, 10-1 Burcroft, Preziosa, 12-1 Ballydurrow, 16-1 others.

1987: DRESS UP 3-9-5 M Birch (15-8) M H Easterby 13 ran

4.15 ALLIED DUNBAR HORN BLOWER STAKES (£4,480: 5f) (5 runners)

1	(5)	411	ACCESS TRAVEL 14 (G,S) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 9-7	Paul Eddery	● 99
4	(1)	641144	FILICAIA 15 (CD,F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 8-12	Kim Tinkler	94
6	(3)	144	CHEROKEE BRAVE 7 (D,F) (M Samtaisingh) R Whitaker 8-11	Dean McKeown	98
8	(2)	031	SIGAMA 9 (D,F) (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 8-11	S Perks	98
10	(4)	31	SONG OF HOPE 11 (D,G) (P Green) M H Easterby 8-6	M Birch	96

BETTING: 7-4 Access Travel, 2-1 Sigama, 4-1 Song Of Hope, 6-1 Cherokee Brave, 10-1 Filicaia.

1987: BREAKAWAY 8-6 J Lowe (9-4) J Etherington 11 ran

4.45 LEX BROOKLANDS HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m) (14 runners)

3	(7)	4-22144	ACESTES 9 (V,D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J W Watts 9-7	N Connorton	91
4	(12)	0-43	WABIL 30 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-4	G Baxter	86
9	(11)	0120-50	CALAHONDA BAY 75 (G) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 9-1	M Richardson (7)	91
10	(10)	2-43413	ST LOUIS BLUES 14 (D,G) (M Shons) J Edwards 8-12	K Darley	96
14	(5)	006051	GO WIN GOLD 19 (F,S) (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 8-12	M Birch	96
16	(9)	120245	DEALERS DELIGHT 10 (D,BF,F) (Miss E Williams) R Boss 8-11	Paul Eddery	94
17	(2)	302220	BRONZE CROSS 14 (Enderleigh Sport Agencies) T Barron 8-10	D Nicholls	95
18	(4)	0-04162	GOSCAR 7 (CD,F) (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 8-10	L Charnock	97
20	(3)	002132	PELHAM PLACE 2 (B,G) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-9	B Crossley	98
21	(1)	260212	ERREMA 11 (G) (E Richmond) R Whitaker 8-8	K Bradshaw (5)	96
23	(8)	056033	VINTON VA 7 (J Goodman) Capt J Wilson 8-5	G Carter	● 99
25	(13)	106340	MAY OVER 18 (C,D,F,G) (K Warner) B McMahon 8-4	G Hind (7)	93
26	(14)	605-604	MONASTIC HABIT 19 (B) (Lady Hesketh) M W Easterby 8-3	Dean McKeown	90
27	(5)	045002	UNCLE ERNIE 7 (J Stewart) Mrs J Ramsden

While a motionless marksman shoots for a medal, eight speedy oarsmen train their sights on still greater glory

Elite troops lead British assault

GOING FOR GOLD

Peter Ball launches a series in *The Times* introducing some of Britain's medal contenders at the Olympic Games, which open five weeks today



Trail-blazers: Britain's crack rowing eight ruffling the waters of the Manchester Ship Canal as they prepared yesterday to make a splash at Seoul

Manchester yesterday put on one of those days which gave generations of music hall comedians an easy laugh at the city's expense – squalls of heavy rain coming from angry grey skies. Nothing could have looked less inviting as a preparation for Seoul but the British rowing eight, who have emerged this year as one of the outstanding teams in the world, are happy with what they can get.

They launched their boat on some distinctly choppy water at Salford Quays without a murmur. Next week they head for a training camp north of Seoul, the first of the British contingent to go, as they try to shave an extra half-second off their time.

A team with visibly high morale, they clearly have thought of nothing but the gold medal. Indeed, they insist they are looking beyond that. "We aim to be recognized as the best eight in the world, a team to be ranked with the Spurs of the 1960s, the modern Liverpool or Muhammad Ali," Terry O'Neill, their coach, insisted yesterday.

It may not be beyond them. Ranked equal second in the world with the Soviet Union behind West Germany, they have come together remarkably quickly since the eight were broken up after finishing ninth in last year's world championships. Of that group only three remain.

The crew were transformed during a hard winter's training along with the rest of the rowing squad, who initially were ahead of them as potential medal winners, and it has been tinkered with since. The last addition, Anton Obholtser, came in only two weeks before Henley when the East Germans and the Russians had already been beaten.

"We and the coxless fours will be within a length of the gold but it's so tight in our race that could mean coming sixth," Richard Stanhope, the bow and most experienced member of the eight, says. Stanhope won a silver medal in 1980, when Colin Moynihan was cox. He is convinced that the present team are the best he has rowed in but, like most British sports teams, they are succeeding in spite of the obstacles placed in their way.

Henley and the Amateur Rowing Association may conjure up images of aristocratic ease but if this British team are elite, it is by intelligence – all but one have been to university – rather than social backgrounds, public schoolboys being outnumbered by comprehensive students.

That does not make financing themselves an easy process. While Russians and West Germans are full-time sportsmen, studying at sports universities, and Italians are supported by income from state football pools, the British eight are students, or unemployed, or rely on the generosity of their employers.

"It is a very difficult situation," Stanhope, who is one of the two employed members of the team as a district surveyor for Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council, said. "Our employers have to justify our getting so much time off. We were away in camp for two weeks during the Henley and Lucerne regattas and we are in full-time training now. We're professional athletes except that we don't get paid."

Stanhope has managed by taking all his holidays and has been granted special leave in addition. ICI has been equally helpful to the other employed member, Steve Turner.

For the rest it is a case of getting by. "Basically, they're skint," Stanhope said. Sal Hassan, the smallest member of the crew at 6ft 2in, who learnt his rowing on the River Lea in order to be near his father, a Turkish-Cypriot lighterman, has just finished university and is waiting to hear if he has a job at an Essex public school to come back to. Last year he supplemented his grant by part-time teaching while studying at London University.

Because of the team's ninth ranking last year, financial grants from the Sports Aid Foundation have been limited. O'Neill, however, sees that as having provided a big incentive during the winter when the eight trained alongside the other crews.

"It has been a struggle," he said. "but training with crews on more substantial grants gave them an incentive. They felt they had to make a point and they have raised themselves above the level expected."

If that provided some motivation, Hassan and Stanhope believe that the British Olympic physiological testing day also provided a considerable boost psychologically. "We came out top of all the groups," Hassan said. "We had enormous lung capacity – mine is six litres, for example – we came out top in the aerobic tests and did very well in the anaerobic ones."

They have not neglected their psychological preparation in other ways in spite of receiving little help from the ARA in that area. Instead they approached Tony Buzan, himself a rower as well as a psychologist, and his two visits, they say, have been very helpful. Buzan will not be going with them to Korea next week, although they are taking their own chef.

With three one-and-a-half-hour sessions a day between now and the Olympics as they concentrate on speed work in the attempt to shave a possibly vital half-second off their time, they undoubtedly need to be.

CRICKET

Blakey boundaries help Yorkshire brighten bleak day

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire drew with Sri Lankans

On a bleak and inhospitable day, Sri Lanka were unable to dismiss Yorkshire quickly enough to leave time to make the runs which would have brought the first victory of their tour. The eventual target of 163 from the final 19 overs was unrealistic enough to bring an early finish.

Heavy overnight rain and gun metal skies delayed the start until 2.15 p.m. and the seam bowlers displayed inhibitions in their approach which were not apparent the previous evening when Yorkshire plummeted to 41 for six. Carrick, who tops Yorkshire's averages, and Blakey stayed together for 10 overs, adding 37 valuable runs.

Blakey took the opportunity to rediscover the touch which made him the 1987 Young Cricketer of the Year and, having arrived at the wicket with his side 18 for four, proceeded to put the game out of the Sri Lankans' reach with rare elegance.

Booth was prepared simply to keep one end going and succeeded as 56 runs came, 36 of them to Blakey. More important, another 18 overs of the shortened day were used up.

Ratnayeke finally disposed of Booth with a swinging ball of full length but then Dennis blocked for 27 minutes without scoring as Sri Lanka were again frustrated. Eventually Labrooy, who had undone Yorkshire in the first place, returned to take the last two wickets in three deliveries and finished with six for 61, the best performance of the tour so far.

Blakey's unbeaten 85, his highest score since he became the youngest Yorkshireman to make a double 100 against Gloucester on this ground almost a year ago, occupied almost three hours and his 13 boundaries were the feature of the day.

He completed an excellent match by holding an edge from Kuruppu from the third of the 20 deliveries possible before the miserable light finally became bad enough to allow Sri Lanka to return early to the warmth of the dressing room.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 297 for 5 dec (M D Moxon 132, K Sharp 128; F S Ahangama 4 for 51).

Second Innings

M D Moxon b Labrooy	1
D Byas b Ratnayeke	4
K Sharp c Madugalle b Labrooy	3
P E Robinson b Labrooy	1
N G Nicholson lbw b Ahangama	4
†R J Blakey not out	85
C S Pickles lbw b Labrooy	0
*P Carrick c Tillekeratne b Ratnayake	20
P A Booth b Ratnayake	14
S J Dennis lbw b Labrooy	0
P Anderson b Labrooy	0
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 3, no 7)	20
Total	152

BOWLING: Ratnayake 21-5-47-3; Labrooy 16.5-1-61-6; Ahangama 11-4-23-1; Madurusinghe 2-0-11-0.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-16, 4-18, 5-38, 6-41, 7-78, 8-134, 9-152.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings 287 for 5 dec (S A R Silva 112).

Second Innings

D S B P Kuruppu c Blakey b Dennis	0
†S A R Silva not out	3
A Samarasekera not out	4
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	7

*R S Madugalle, A Ranatunga, D Mendis, H Tillekeratne, R Ratnayake, R Madurusinghe, F S Ahangama and G F Labrooy did not bat.

BOWLING: Dennis 2-1-2-1; Pickles 1.2-0-5-0.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and D O Oslear.

Final countdown to a treble chance

By Richard Streeton

Middlesex and Worcestershire, who reached the NatWest trophy final this week, also stand first and second in the Refuge Assurance League, which has three more Sundays to go. It could be the final day, August 28, before the league champions are known, but both these teams must win tomorrow to maintain their challenge.

Worcestershire, who have a match in hand, are away to Glamorgan at Swansea and complete their programme with home matches against Essex and Warwickshire. Middlesex, who have already had four "no result" matches, will be hoping the weather does not intervene as they play Gloucestershire at Lord's, before finishing against Yorkshire at Leeds on August 28.

Worcestershire also remain in contention for the county championship and it would be an unprecedented treble if they won all three competitions. Keith Fletcher led Essex to the county championship and the Sunday league in 1984 and won the NatWest trophy and the Sunday event in 1985. Yesterday he discounted that Worcestershire might find the pressure in the coming weeks too much for them.

"Any pressure you have in these circumstances is far preferable to that on you at the bottom of the table," he said. "I would say the Essex team found it stimulating to be chasing more than one prize. It is true every game is a big one and nobody is going to give you anything.

"On the other hand, it is exciting and there is an impetus about it if you can keep winning." Fletcher said the three-day championship was the most gratifying competition to win. "I also believe the Sunday league is the chanciest in some ways. Somebody on the other side can put on a crackerjack performance and you lose out."

Worcestershire, the 1987 champions, have underlined their strength this season by overcoming the absence of Botham. Both they and Glamorgan are unbeaten since June 5, and the Welsh team are among the six sides mathematically still in contention.

Middlesex, who have never won the Sunday competition, have led the table for most of the summer but were beaten by Lancashire at Blackpool last weekend. Even if Middlesex win their last two games, this defeat meant their title chances were no longer in their hands alone. Gloucestershire, their opponents this weekend, share third place with Lancashire, who visit Sussex, where they have not won since 1970.

Some confusion has arisen about the inaugural Refuge Assurance Cup, which the top four teams in the final league table are contesting this season on a knockout basis. It is a separate competition and performances in it will not be included in Sunday league records.

The leading six teams, with their remaining fixtures after tomorrow are:

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Middlesex	14	8	2	0	4	40
Worcestershire	13	9	3	0	1	38
Gloucestershire	13	8	3	0	2	36
Lancashire	13	8	3	0	2	36
Surrey	14	7	4	1	2	34
Glamorgan	13	7	3	1	2	34

REMAINING FIXTURES: August 21: Gloucestershire v Kent, Moreton-in-Marsh; Lancashire v Derbyshire, Old Trafford; Northamptonshire v Glamorgan, Wellingborough; Nottinghamshire v Surrey, Trent Bridge; Worcestershire v Essex, Worcester. August 28: Essex v Gloucestershire, Chelmsford; Glamorgan v Leicestershire, Llanelli; Surrey v Lancashire, The Oval; Worcestershire v Warwickshire, Worcester; Yorkshire v Middlesex, Headingley.

Cooper stands firm in his resolve to hit target

By Louise Taylor

While other Olympic hopefuls constantly endeavour to run faster or jump farther, Malcolm Cooper has dedicated much of the past 27 years to standing still. Completely still.

Cooper's sport is shooting. It entails hitting a miniscule 12mm bull from the not inconsiderable distance of 50 metres and the demands of accuracy dictate a need for total inertia before firing.

Remaining motionless at regular intervals during the course of a five-hour match requires absolute concentration and it is this quality which brought Cooper Britain's first gold medal for the small-bore rifle shooting three positions (prone, kneeling and standing) at Los Angeles.

Four years on, his cabinet is overflowing with well over 100 medals from international events and he has broken world records, of which he still holds four, on 12 occasions.

"I believe Malcolm is the greatest marksman there has ever been," Tony Clark, the manager of the British shooting team, said.

"He has the unique ability to be able to give 100 per cent concentration. He's totally single minded, is able to shut out everything around him and seems to be unaffected by pressure."

In Seoul, Cooper, who started shooting while living in New Zealand as a teenager and is now a MBE, will compete in not only the three positions small-bore rifle but also the small-bore prone and air rifle events. It is with this in mind that he has been presented with £5,000 under *The Times*/Minet Supreme Award Scheme to help with his training and travelling expenses until the Olympics.

For while other champions can look forward to lucrative commercial contracts, shooting lacks the cachet attached to some sports and Cooper ruefully agreed: "There's no fashion in this game, if I had my time again I'd have played golf and been a millionaire."

He is only half joking. Cooper and his wife Sarah, who will represent Britain at women's shooting in Seoul, lack sponsorship and in order to remain at the vanguard of their sport are forced to supplement Sports Council aid with an annual personal outlay of £4,500 apiece towards ammunition, club membership fees and petrol.

Indeed, the logistical difficulties inherent in juggling a bill-paying career with two or three hours shooting practice a night (five on Saturdays and Sundays), with 20 miles of running a week somehow sandwiched in between, means that at 40, Cooper is preparing to strip his rifle down for good to concentrate on running his design engineering business and insists: "This will be my last competitive Olympics."

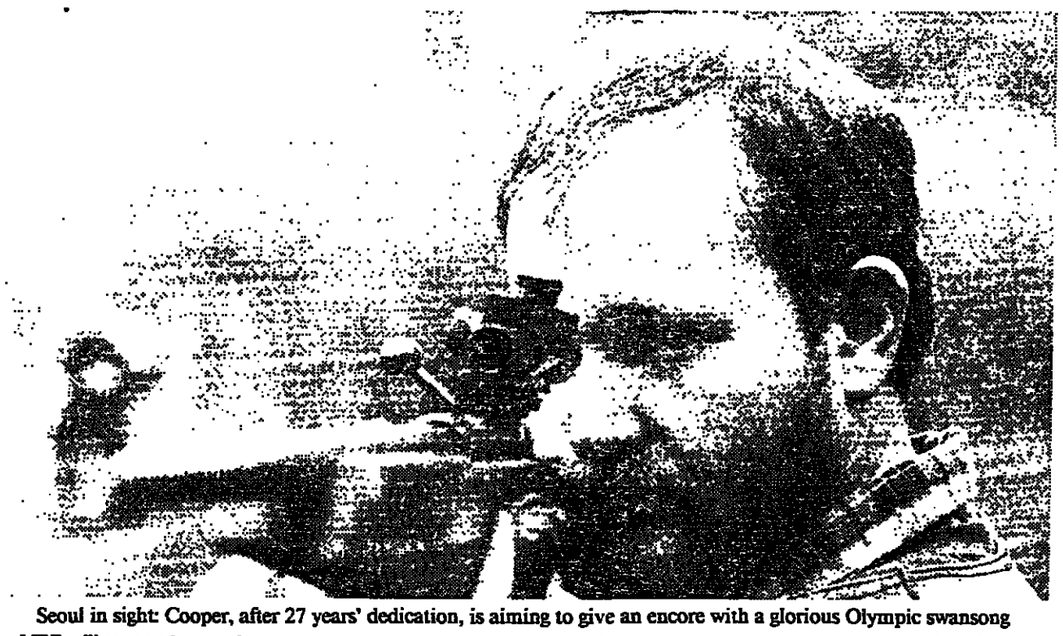
If it is to be a glorious swansong, Cooper will have to overcome testing opposition from the Eastern Bloc, the United States, France and Norway. Accordingly, he is allowing no room for complacency.

"I'm gearing my whole life to Seoul," he explained. "I'm planning every detail; in the bath or out running I'm mentally rehearsing situations that could occur out there and getting myself to the level of tension required in order to perform at my best."

So will Cooper rediscover the elixir of Olympic gold in Seoul? "Yes, I think so," he ventured.

● *The Times*/Minet awards are open to contenders to all Britain's teams at the Olympics. Cooper's is the sixteenth award.

The £5,000 awards go to competitors who convince the judges that they deserve the extra support that could make them medal winners in Seoul. The awards are backed by the Minet Group, a London-based firm of international insurance brokers, which had made grants totalling £1.5 million, administered by the Sports Aid Foundation.



Seoul in sight: Cooper, after 27 years' dedication, is aiming to give an encore with a glorious Olympic swansong

Bairstow is dropped for first time in career

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire have omitted David Bairstow, their wicketkeeper and former captain, from their team for the championship match with Somerset at Scarborough today, the first time he has been dropped in a career stretching back 18 years, to the day he took his A level exams early in the morning so that he could play at Bradford's Park Avenue ground against Gloucestershire.

Bairstow, aged 37 next month, missed the last two fixtures because of a ricked back but such has been the ability of Blakey, his deputy, that he has won his place behind the stumps on merit.

Bairstow received the news in a telephone call from Brian Close, the Yorkshire cricket chairman, who has asked him to play in the second team to recover his form with the bat which, in better times, brought him 1,000 runs in a season on three occasions.

It is Bairstow's form with the bat which has led to his demise, with only 296 runs from 22 innings in the championship and only 47 runs in nine outings in the Sunday League.

On his last appearance against Nottinghamshire, he took his total of victims behind the stumps for Yorkshire to 999 when he caught Scott, his opposite number, and was on the threshold of a unique record, 1,000 victims and more than 12,000 runs for his county. Hunter (1,190) and Binks (1,044) have dismissed more batsmen but scored only 4,177 and 6,742 runs respectively in their careers.

Bairstow, who played four Test matches and 21 limited over internationals, equalled the world record of 11 catches in a match against Derbyshire at Scarborough in 1982 and broke the Yorkshire record for dismissals in an innings with seven in the same game.

His first class figures are 921 catches and 137 stumpings for a total of 1,058 with 13,335 runs at an average of 21.5.



Bairstow: left out by county

His pugnacious enthusiasm, particularly in limited overs games, saved many a situation, most notably a Benson and Hedges record stand of 80 for the last wicket against Derbyshire at Derby seven years ago. His style brought him the nickname among county players of "the fire engine."

Bairstow had the unenviable job of captaining the county during the three turbulent years which followed the winter revolution when the old guard committee, responsible for his appointment, were usurped by a band of Boycott supporters.

With the *eminence grise* in the dressing room and senior professional, Yorkshire finished fourteenth, tenth and eighth before he was deposed and replaced by Carrick. He has a further year of his two-year contract still to run.

BOWLS

Summertown's hopes dashed by Clevedon

By Gordon Allan

Summertown's attempt to add the Woolwich EBA triples championship to the fours title they won on Wednesday came to an end at Worthing yesterday. Clevedon beat them 24-23 and play Workington in the semi-finals this morning. The other semi-final is between Belgrave and Plymouth Civil Service.

Clevedon, skipped by Pip Branfield, the England international, dropped four shots on the seventeenth end to fall 23-22 behind. On the eighteenth, Gary Harrington had to play with weight three times and, for once, did not find the target.

Workington beat Lindfield 16-15 on an extra end when their skip, Stan Laybourne, took out the Sussex side's scoring bowl.

The Shanklin triple from the Isle of Wight – John Young, Don Follett and Colin Riddett – just failed to reach the last eight. Leading 17-16, they dropped four shots on the last end to Belgrave, who won 20-17. Paul Clarke, Belgrave's skip, last appeared for England seven years ago and used to be Tony Allcock's pairs partner.

Ivan Orchin, Lindfield's Irish skip, guided them to a 16-11 win over Saltash. Haxby Road made a good recovery from a 2-14 deficit against Clevedon in the third round. They stood at 14-15 on the seventeenth end but dropped three shots there.

The Sports Council drugs unit carried out random tests on four players after the quarter-finals: the results should be known in about three weeks. Two years ago, at the international trial at Nottingham, the EBA conducted their first – and so far only – tests on four players, with negative results.

RESULTS: Third round: Summertown (Oxon) 18, Buckden (Hunts) 8; Clevedon (Somerset) 18, Haxby Road (Yorks) 15; Workington (Cumbria) 20, Droitwich Spa (Worcs) 8; Lindfield (Sussex) 16, Saltash (Cornwall) 11; Belgrave (Leics) 20, Shanklin (IOW) 17; Aylesbury Town (Bucks) 17, Hylton (Worcs) 14; Plymouth CS (Devon) 22, Stenalees (Cornwall) 14; Marlborough Ipswich (Suffolk) 22, Herts Watford (Herts) 7. Quarter-finals: Clevedon 24, Summertown 23; Workington 18, Lindfield 15; Belgrave 16, Aylesbury Town 13; Plymouth CS 27, Marlborough (Ipswich) 1.

Fast twosome

Kelvin Tatum and Simon Cross, who helped England to take second place in the world pairs speedway final at Bradford last month, will spearhead the side for the world team championships in California on September 10.

TEAM: K Tatum (Coventry), S Cross (Cradley), S Wigg (Oxford), C Morton (Belle Vue).

TENNIS

Gomer finds consolation in defeat

From Barry Wood
Los Angeles

Sara Gomer inevitably met her Waterloo against Gabriela Sabatini as she was defeated 6-2, 6-4, in the third round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

Whether lesser mortals can delay the top players for more than an hour is often a measure of how successful their battle campaign has been, and in that at least Gomer could claim some satisfaction. The match took 69 minutes, and might have stretched to a third set, for the only break of service in the second came in the final game.

Gomer was playing steadily and Sabatini was having difficulty imposing her whiplash top-spin backhand. That said, there was nothing in Gomer's mediocre performance to even hint at an upset.

"She was hitting the hell out of the ball and I couldn't get any rhythm at all, especially in the first set," Gomer said.

"I decided to just enjoy myself in the second and she made a few more errors, and once you feel you're in there competing with them it helps you open up. I know I could do better, but I am quite pleased with the fact I won a couple of rounds and earned the right to play someone like her. It's a step in the right direction."

HOCKEY

Soul-searching follows the pain from Spain

From Sydney Friskin, Amsterdam

Without offering excuses, Great Britain have been pondering the consequences of the 2-1 defeat by Spain here on Thursday as they prepare to meet Canada today and The Netherlands tomorrow in the five nations' tournament for the BMW Trophy.

The conquest of the second seeds, however, by a team that scraped into the Olympic Games only after a play-off with Poland, cannot dispel the forebodings of further upsets in Seoul, where physical fitness and mental alertness will be of the utmost importance.

As much as one shrinks from saying it, a touch of weariness in Britain's approach was inescapable in their match against Spain; and they will have two more hard games against Spain and The Netherlands in the Lada Classic at Luton from August 19 to 21.

The Olympic squad will have no more strenuous exercises – next month they relax in Hong Kong – before arriving in Seoul.

Spain and The Netherlands are not in Britain's group for the Olympics but Canada are and will be playing Britain for the third time in six weeks today. At Prescot on July 1 Britain won 2-1 and at Birmingham the following day the teams drew goalless.

Canada cannot be taken lightly. On Wednesday they gave The Netherlands a fright when they drew level at 1-1 before going down 5-2.

Canada were beaten 4-2 yesterday by Spain, who shook the Canadians by taking a quick 3-0 lead through Ignacio Escude (two goals) from short corners and his brother, Xavier Escude.

Debut for Bond

Kevin Bond, Bournemouth's new signing from Southampton, has recovered from a foot injury and makes his debut in the second division club's central defence in a friendly at home to Queen's Park Rangers today.

Barnes' return

John Barnes, the Liverpool and England winger, will pull on a Watford shirt again on Tuesday when he plays in a testimonial game for his former colleague, Luther Blissett, against Luton Town at Vicarage Road.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Iranians send all-male team of 30 to Seoul

Tehran (AP) – Iran is looking forward to the Olympic Games, especially now the end of the Gulf War is imminent.

"We tried to train our athletes during the most critical periods of the war ... and we were supported in this by our imam [Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini]," said Bahram Afsharzadeh, the general secretary of the Iranian National Olympic Committee.

Iran will send a team of 30 athletes to Seoul, including some who were temporarily exempted from military duty to train, Afsharzadeh said.

Preparations started early in 1987, he said. The team includes 17 wrestlers, Iran's top speciality.

The Iranians will also send eight cyclists, a marathon runner and four people for demonstration sports.

Seoul will mark the first time since the 1976 Montreal Games that Iran will compete in the Olympics and the first time since the Islamic revolution.

The team at Seoul will all be men. "Participation of our women athletes in international games will not be practical because the manners practised at international games are contrary to the values of Islam, which requires women's bodies to be fully covered if men are present," Afsharzadeh said.

Becker injured

Toronto (Reuter) – Boris Becker, of West Germany, has withdrawn from the Canadian Open tennis championship because of foot problems that might keep him out of the US Open later this month.

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FOOTBALL: MILLWALL LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE IN THE FIRST DIVISION

Fencing them in down at the Den

By Peter Ball

Millwall were hard at work yesterday laying the foundations for a better future and that includes a £150,000 new family enclosure at the Den that will seat 500 with terrace space for a 1000. In all the club have spent £330,000 on bringing the ground up to first division standard in readiness for its first home game against Everton on September 17. Yet it has still managed to afford John Docherty (right), the Millwall manager, £300,000, with a promise of more, to strengthen this squad by bringing Neil Ruddock back to Millwall after two seasons at Tottenham Hotspsur. "In his heart of hearts I don't think he ever wanted to leave the club. We want players who want to be a part of this club," he said. Ruddock, who captained the England under-20 squad in Brazil this summer, is one of 23 out of 25 Millwall professionals who hail from the London area. But Docherty refuses to take further part in the transfer market until fees come down to a sensible level. "Even the tribunal system as gone silly. I could not afford to become involved in a tribunal unless it was on a conditional basis," he said.



Arsenal hell-bent on titles and spurred on by rivals

By Clive White

About this time every year for the last 15 years David O'Leary has taught himself the same tall story; 'this is it, the season when *they* crack and Arsenal are there to take advantage'. Of course the truth is Liverpool seldom do crack and when they have done Arsenal are never there to take advantage.

Deeper wishful thinking than usual on this subject at the start of last season, when Liverpool ended the championship race without the incomparable Rush, was soon made idle as the Merseysiders romped to a record 29 games without defeat.

But hope springs eternal and O'Leary, now perfectly fit after an Achilles operation which caused him to miss the European championship, takes heart from the fact that Liverpool have not been seen in the market place during the close season. "We have to thank God for that," he said.

Instead, Arsenal's natural enemy, Tottenham Hotspur, who last won the championship 27 years ago, have stepped forward as the big spenders, feeling the full blast of a price boom which Liverpool sparked off a year ago (Barnes, the Player of the Year, is beginning to look like a snip at £800,000).

But O'Leary welcomes a more muscular challenge from Tottenham. "We want Tottenham to push us, just as Everton and Liverpool push one another," he said. "You need that sort of competition in a big city."

Two years ago Tottenham and Arsenal appeared to be reaping the benefit of just such a high-quality rivalry, taking each other to a replay in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final before Arsenal went on to beat Liverpool in the final.

With Tottenham going on to the FA Cup final that season there seemed some justification to the claim made by David Pleat, the then manager, that they were closing the gap on the Merseyside clubs. But it all fell apart when the London challenge was divided by Pleat's fall from power.

Now it has to be rebuilt and what better place to start than at Wembley today and tomorrow in the quadrangular club tournament with AC Milan and Bayern Munich.

Terry Venables, Pleat's successor and a close friend of George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has decided that the materials which his predecessor used were of inferior quality. He has made changes but he insists not for change's sake. "If I come into a side which is a good team I can assure you I'm not going to do anything about it," he said.

Whatever the quality of the side he inherited, its spirit was certainly broken. It would have been harsh to hold Venables accountable for last season's League and cup disappointments after taking over half-way through.

This season, however, he starts afresh and having spent over £5 million on four players to date he will be held wholly responsible for whatever success or failure comes Tottenham's way.

Graham, to whom Venables was best man at his wedding, said that he would be surprised if Tottenham were not a force this season. It will take time to mix the new ingredients, though Venables could do without a little stirring from outside the club.

Before a ball has been kicked he has found himself refuting suggestions that Paul Gascoigne, his club record signing from Newcastle United for £2.2 million, is a troublesome character. High standards will be expected both on and off the field from young Gascoigne, who must assume the creative mantle of Hoddle.

Temperament on the field has been a problem of Gascoigne's as it has been of Venables' other summer signing, Paul Stewart, who starts his Tottenham career sitting in the stands because of a four-match suspension which causes him to miss the League derby against Arsenal. The pressure will be upon Stewart to prove that a second division player can be worth £1.7 million; some people in the game doubt that Stewart is that man.

The Arsenal manager has been accused of lacking the nerve to spend that kind of money but he was bold enough to make a £1.5 million bid for Cottee, albeit in vain, and spend £650,000 on a squad player, Steve Bould, the Stoke City centre back — the signing which started false rumours about O'Leary's health.

An accusation that might be levelled at Graham is that he has strengthened the squad without strengthening the team. In his defence he says: "Sadly some of our players are the best there is in their positions, just as Gascoigne is in his and he probably has got a lot of improving to do as well.

"If I've got to go out and buy a better player than Rocastle.or Thomas, I've got to pay £2 million and arguably they are as inexperienced as the boys I've got. I think I have the basis of my side for the next few years, which Terry did not have. I just hope that my youngsters improve quickly enough."

Chelsea's appeal is turned down

By Louise Taylor

The Football Association yesterday rejected an appeal from Chelsea against a £75,000 fine and the closure of terracing at Stamford Bridge for the first six matches of the forthcoming season.

The fine is the heaviest ever meted out by the FA and was imposed by a commission of inquiry last month following an investigation into crowd disturbances at the play-off game with Middlesbrough at Stamford Bridge on May 28, which resulted in 102 arrests.

Supported by two lawyers, Ken Bates, the chairman of Chelsea, contested the decision in front of yesterday's board of appeal, chaired by the FA Chairman, Bert Millichip, at Lancaster Gate. In a statement, the FA said: "We have dismissed Chelsea's appeal and the findings of the original inquiry will stand."

Chelsea estimate that closure of the standing areas will lose the newly relegated second division club around £200,000 in turnstile revenue. However, Bates was not prepared to comment last night.

● Steve Coppell, the manager of Crystal Palace, last night beat four clubs to the signature of a forward he has never seen play.Coppell pipped Southampton, Oxford United, Leicester City and Bournemouth to sign Steve Claridge, aged 22, on a free transfer from the non-League club, Weymouth.

Coppell said last night: "I have had good reports on him from many people, though as yet I haven't even seen him in training."

Claridge, who has had spells with Portsmouth and Bournemouth, signed a two-year contract and makes his debut in the reserves at Southwick today.

● Micky Thomas, the former Welsh international, who recently returned from an indoor soccer season in the United States, has signed a 12-month contract with Shrewsbury Town. He formerly played for Manchester United, Everton and Chelsea.

● Walsall have signed the midfield player, Alex Taylor, from Hamilton, the Scottish premier division club, for a fee approaching £100,000.

Linfield hunt goes on

Linfield are still seeking a ground for their second-leg UEFA Cup match on October 5 against Turun, of Finland (George Ace writes).

Linfield have so far sought venues in Scotland, Belgium and The Netherlands without success, having been ordered by UEFA to play their next two home games in European competition away from Windsor Park following crowd disorder last season.

Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, said: "It is difficult. We are working with the Irish Football Association and we are in constant touch with UEFA. The deadline for informing Turun was today but we will be allowed an extension. There is no question of Linfield withdrawing."

Coyle is preparing his squad for the opening section B game in the Lombard and Ulster Cup next Saturday against Cliftonville at Windsor Park.

GOLF

New shares lead despite faltering in closing stages

From Patricia Davies, Rungsted, Denmark

A Bristolian and a Basque were at the top of the leaderboard after the second round of the inaugural Danish Open at Rungsted, north of Copenhagen, yesterday. Beverley New, from Bristol, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, from Biarritz, were on 139, five under par, after rounds of 69 and 71 respectively.

One shot behind them was Marie Wennersten, of Sweden, who rounded off her 71 with a 90-yard wedge for an eagle three at the last.

New, nautically attired in white trousers and a blue and white striped top, was having one of her periodic hot putting streaks and was five under par for the round, and seven under for the tournament, when she came to the 17th. She pushed her drive too far right and could not go for the green with her second shot because her way was blocked by trees and her ball was resting on some dead leaves.

It is always difficult to judge a shot off such a lie and New, intending to poke her ball on to the fairway, saw it bound merrily into the ditch that crosses the fairway. She ended up with a double bogey six and had a par five, that featured a shank out off a greenside bunker, at the 18th, a hole where birdies are commonplace.

At the time that New was fishing for her ball at the 17th, Laura Davies was further along the ditch, on the 13th, threatening to play her ball as it lay there, having just failed to carry the hazard from the tee. No one else considered attempting the carry but Davies does not think — or play — like other golfers. In the end, she picked out, pitched close and missed the par putt.

It was her third ditch of the day and her third one over par five, one of which was the result of a visit to sand rather than water.

Davies was, she said, in six bunkers, but excursions that would have buried anyone else merely resulted in a round of 74 for the former British and US Open champion.

Taya, consistently outdriving Corinne Dibnah and Liselotte Neumann, the current holders of the British and US titles, by 30 yards, was not so impressive with her approach shots but a couple of longish putts fell for birdies and kept her out in front.

The best round of the day, by some way, was the course record 65 returned by Lori Clark, from Des Moines in Iowa. She had 11 single putts and seven birdies in a round without flaw and after a 79 on Thursday and a 91 in the pre-qualifying for the British Open — her only previous rounds in Europe this season — she was as baffled as everyone else by the transformation.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 139: B New 70, 69; M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr) 68, 71. 140: M Wennersten (Swe) 69, 71. 141: S Wunsch (Sp) 72, 69; D Reid 71, 70. 143: F Descampe (Bel) 70, 73. 144: M Garner 75, 69, A Nicholas 70, 74; Clark (US) 79, 65; C Dibnah (Aus) 71, 73. 145: K Lunn (Aus) 75, 70; P Conley (US) 72, 73; L Neumann (Swe) 74, 71. 146: C Duffy 72, 74; L Davies 72, 74; D Dowling 73, 73; M Thomson 74, 72.

Practice at lunch gives Pardoe title

By a Special Correspondent

Simon Pardoe staged a remarkable afternoon recovery to win the boys' open amateur championship in a gale-force wind at Formby yesterday.

Three down at the half-way stage of the 36-hole final to David Haines, from Somerset, Pardoe, like Haines, aged 17, thought this chances of success had gone. So he went without lunch to practise on the putting green and it paid off handsomely as he stormed to a 3 and 2 victory.

"I putted terribly in the morning and knew I had to sort something out, so just had a packet of crisps and got on with the practice," said Pardoe, from Guildford, a one-handicap member of the Goring and Streatley club.

In conditions which made every shot difficult, Pardoe controlled the ball better, continually out-drove his opponent and, more important, knocked in five putts of more than 12 feet.

Earlier Haines, who has given up a promising career in fencing to concentrate on his golf, had established a two-hole lead by the turn in the morning and, following a succession of halves, increased his advantage to three holes when Pardoe took three putts on the final green of the opening round.

There was a transformation in fortunes later. Pardoe holed a putt of 10 feet on the 19th to save going four down; that seemed to be the spur he needed. He won six of the next seven holes to go from three behind to three up.

Probably the real turning point came at the 23rd, when Haines four-putted, taking three to get down from no more than a yard and missing one of just 18 inches. That brought the couple to square and provided Pardoe with a big confidence boost.

"I felt pretty good after that and when I was three-up three holes later I just could not believe what had happened," said Pardoe, whose parents stayed away from Lancashire to avoid changing their son's luck.

He went four up at the 31st and, although Haines got one back two holes later, the inevitable end came at the short 34th which they halved in par three.

Now Pardoe aims to get a place in the Welsh team for next summer's European boys' championships in Sweden. Yesterday's victory was the second success in a row for Wales in this championships, following the triumph by Calvin O'Carroll at Kilmarnock last August.

RESULT: Final: S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley) bt D Haines (Burnham and Berrow), 3 and 2.

Darcy has his dream fulfilled

Eamonn Darcy realized a long-standing ambition when he won his first Irish Professional Championship at Castle, Dublin, yesterday.

The European Ryder Cup player, a one-shot leader overnight, closed with rounds of 67 and 70 for an 11-under-par total of 269 and a three-shot win from Des Smyth, who made a valiant effort with a final round 65.

"It's a thrill to win a tournament at any time, but it's something special to be crowned Irish champion," Darcy said.

He took the £4,000 top prize after a scare when Smyth closed the gap to two shots after Darcy had opened up a six-stroke lunchtime lead. But Darcy produced the shot of the round when he hit a drive from semi-rough in trees and bushes to set up an unlikely birdie four at the 16th and avert any remaining danger.

He said: "I passed up the PLM Open in Sweden so that I could support the Irish Championship and help secure a sponsorship for the future. I hope I have done a good job."

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 269: E Darcy 65, 67, 67, 70. 272: D Smyth 66, 71, 70, 65. 275: D Jones 71, 68, 69, 68. 278: L Higgins 68, 67, 72, 71. 279: P Walton 68, 67, 70, 74. 283: C O'Connor jnr 69, 69, 75, 70; J Heggarty 68, 65, 75, 75.

Local hero conquers his nerves

Gordon Law turned the clock back two years when he won the Livingston Under-25 championship at Dear Park.

The local hero repeated his 1986 victory charge, when he led in all four rounds and finished with the same total as two years ago, two-under-par, 286. But there was one difference this time round.

"When I won the championship in '86, I did not sleep and was sick with nerves throughout the tournament," Law said. "But this time I was much more relaxed and really enjoyed myself."

Law, aged 23, played rounds of 72 and 74 yesterday, finishing two shots ahead off Colin Brooks and Lee Vannet, to pick up the £800 top prize. He also earns a place in next month's Scottish pro championship at Haggs Castle.

Brooks secured his share of the £1,150 second prize with Vannet, thanks to a best final round of 3 under par 69.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 286: G Law (Dear Park), 72, 74, 288: L Vannet (Ballater), 73, 73; C Brooks (Grangemouth), 74, 69, 289: J White (Normandy) 71, 73, 292: W Guy (Buchanan Castle), 69, 70, M McLaren (Long Niddry), 71, 72, 294: C Gillies (Glenbervie), 73, 72, 295: C Innes (Tumberry), 75, 75; E Gray (Gullane), 76, 75, 296: K Walker (Royal Burgess), 78, 74; G Collinson (Windyhill) 74, 76.

POLO

Pony Club promise is centre of attention

By John Watson

The Pony Club polo camp, an impressive array of tents, canvas pony-lines, caravans and horse-boxes, is sited at Cowdray Park, Sussex, for the deciding matches of the 1988 championships, sponsored by Jaguar, at Ambersham.

Previously, all teams have participated in the final weekend, but with an unprecedented 63 entries this year, 13 were eliminated in preliminary trials at Kirtlington, Cirencester and Tidworth.

In the Jack Gannon section (under-21s) the Quorn and Staff College are first in their respective leagues and the Cotswold and Cowdray, second. Those four came forward yesterday as semi-finalists for the Jaguar Trophy. The results were a 6½–2 victory for Quorn (received 1½) against Cowdray and a 5½–1½ win for the Cotswold over the Staff College (received ½).

With the standard of Pony Club polo improving year by year and nearly all the leading British players having graduated through it, patrons, selectors and other pundits are paying more attention to its talent.

In the Gannon bracket, judging by performances yesterday, it looks as though the following could be leading players of the future: Alvaro Dowding, Justin and Gareth Gaunt (all of Quorn), Jason Dixon (Cotswold), Jonathan Wade (Cowdray), and Howard Smith (Staff College).

The league and knock-out matches continue today

QUORN: 1, A Dowding; 2, J Gaunt; 3, G Gaunt; Back, F Shields.
COTSWOLD: 1, A Duncanson; 2, J McCallum; 3, O Hughes; Back, J Dixon.
COWDRAY: 1, G Simmonds; 2, A Baillieu; 3, J Wade; Back, J Dickson.
STAFF COLLEGE: 1, D Heaton-Ellis; 2, H Smith; 3, M O'Dwyer; Back, K Grace.

GLIDING

Confusion as Jones disappears

By Maxwell Fendt

"Come in number 82" was the desire of officials at the National Open Class championships at Lasham on Thursday night as they prepared the scores tables from landing reports of competitors, all 30 of whom landed out in fields.

The scorers achieved very quick provisional placings, published eight minutes after the penultimate report because no word had been received from Ralph Jones (Nimbus 3), the veteran big-span competitor. He was provisionally allocated no points.

It later transpired that Jones had assumed that other pilots' achievements on the unusual multiple-choice turning-points task in the scrappy weather would have been insufficient for officials to allocate points and he landed back at the airfield, only to relaunch at 5.45 p. m. into rain and gliding out as far as possible, to near Aldermaston. Yesterday's confirmed results granted Jones seven points for this effort.

Yesterday's weather forecast, analysed by the meteorologist, Tom Bradbury, suggested strong thermals, broken in the fresh 30-knot westerly wind.

This led the director to set a 217km zig-zag task via Membury, Headington (Oxford) and Beckhampton (16km west of Marlborough) back to Lasham with a "fall back" of 193km, via Headington and Beckhampton in case Bradbury proved to be over optimistic.

OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, D Innes (Nimbus 3T), 3092pts; 2, R May (ASH 25), 3091; 3, J Bally (Nimbus 3), 2962; 4, P Hawkins (Nimbus 3), 2936; 5, J Glossop (Nimbus 3), 2810; 6, R Jones (Nimbus 3), 2722.

Zico signs again

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Zico, the veteran Brazilian forward, has signed a new one-year contract with his club, Flamengo, and said he plans to play two more seasons. "I thought things over and decided to play at least until I'm 37," Zico said. "I'm going to prove that my art remains refined."

ATHLETICS

Soviet jumps close to record

Budapest (Reuter) — Galina Chistyakova, of the Soviet Union, recorded the joint second best women's long jump in history last night when she leapt 7.45 metres at the Budapest grand prix meeting.

The jump equalled the former world record, which was shared by Heike Drechsler and Jackie Joyner-Kersee, until Chistyakova herself improved the mark to 7.52 in Moscow on June 10.

While Chistyakova was assisted by a tailwind of 1.6 metres per second on her winning jump, in the 100 metres hurdles on the other side of the arena, Yordanka Donkova ignored an equivalent headwind to clock an equally impressive 12.45sec — two-tenths outside the world record.

The wind was Donkova's main opponent as the Bulgarian won easily, breasting the tape as all the other competitors were just clearing the final hurdle.

The headwind also accounted for some disappointing times in the men's sprint hurdles. After the excitement of Thursday's European record by Colin Jackson, it had been hoped that his British rival, Jon Ridgeon might respond.

But it was not to be, as the Cambridge University student could place only fourth in 14.18sec, well down on winner Tonie Campbell (14.03).

Stefka Kostadinova entertained the sparse crowd at the Nepstadion, winning the women's high jump by clearing 2.05 metres — the best in the world this year — on her third attempt.

FOR THE RECORD

ARCHERY

SOLLESTEA, Sweden: European field championships: Recurve bow hunter: 1, M Bazzara (Fr), 1,610; 2, G Pirovano (It), 1,486; 3, K Scott (GB), 1,457. Compound men's bow hunters: 1, E Ivarsson (Swe), 2,152. Men's longbow: 1, J Spooner (GB), 1,634; 2, K Barch (WG), 1,436; 3, N Lucas (GB), 1,168. Freestyle (unlimited): 1, K Schauman (Swe), 2,436.

ATHLETICS

BUDAPEST: Grand Prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, C Imoh (Nigeria), 10.29; 2, R Stewart (Jam), 10.35; 3, J Butler (US), 10.36. 400m: 1, M Al Makly (Oman), 44.56sec; 2, I Morris (Trin), 45.00; 3, W McCoy (US), 45.03. 110m hurdles: 1, A Campbell (US), 14.03; 2, F Schwarthoff (WG), 14.09; 3, M Tiostrand (Fin), 14.10; 4, J Pedersen (GB), 14.18. 400m hurdles: 1, A Dia Ba (Sen), 48.42; 2, E Itt (WG), 48.65; 3, J Kusej (Cz), 49.40. Long Jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.61m; 2, G Honey (Aus) 8.22; 3, L Szama (Hun), 8.02. Hammer: 1, I Sapkovitch (USSR), 80.50m; 2, I Nikulin (USSR), 80.42; 3, T Gecsek (Hun), 80.12. Women: 200m: 1, J Cuthbert (Jam), 22.59. 400m: 1, M Ponomareva (USSR), 50.75. 100m hurdles: 1, Y Donkova (Bul), 12.45; 2, L Okolo-Kutuk (USSR), 13.29; 3, U Denk (WG), 13.31. 5,000m: 1, R Napalatkova (Bul), 15:44.95; 2, J Perkins (Aus), 15.45.96; 3, M Cooksey (US), 15:58.01. Long jump: 1, G Chistyakova (USSR), 7.45m; 2, Z Vanyek (Hun), 6.49; 3, G Pacser (Hun), 6.11. Javelin: 1, A Selenskaya (Bul), 64.00m. High jump: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.05m; 2, L Andonova (Bul), 1.93. 3, S Issaieva (Bul), 1.87.

CYCLING

LISBON: Tour of Portugal: 13th stage (180 km): 1, V Leverni (Fr), 4:59.26; 2, A Araujo (Por), 5:03.28; 3, J Marques (Por), same time. Leading positions: 1, A Martinez (Sp), 54:53.48; 2, Araujo, at 38sec; 3, L Sequeira (Por), 2:38.

BRUGES: Tour of Belgium: Third stage: race: 1, F Maassen (Neth), 2:52.00; 2, M Cornelisse (Neth); 3, S Allocchio (It), same time. Time-trial: 1, Maassen, 28.21; 2, A Peiper (Aus), at 12sec; 3, E van Lancker (Bel), 17. Leading positions: 1, Maassen, 14:27.50; 2, van Lancker, at 23sec; 3, Peiper, 44.

MADRID: Guadarrama mountain race (152 km): 1, L Cubino (Sp), 3hr 56min 57sec; 2, J Rodriguez (Sp), 3:57.25; 3, J Martinez, same time.

SANTA ROSA, California: Coors International classic: Third stage (170 kms): 1, G O'Grady (US), 4hr 25min 13sec; 2, T Gogulski, same time; 3, A Sheda (Can), at 24sec. Leading positions: 1, A Hampsten, 9:30.08; 2, 2=, O'Grady and G Sanders, at 1sec.

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY MATCHES: Seoul: South Korea Olympic XI 2, Racing Club (Arg) 2. Tokyo: Japanese XI 6, Napoli (It) 2.

TENNIS

TORONTO: Canadian open championship: Men's singles: Second round: Third round: K Curren (US) bt D Cassidy (US), 6-1, 6-2; J Connors (US) bt J Hlasek (Swit), 6-1, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-0; P Cash (Aus) bt S Gammalva (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Frawley (Aus) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; T Mayotte (US) bt T Wilkison (US), 7-6, 5-7, 7-6; I Lendl (Cz) bt J Berger (US), 6-3, 6-0; J McEnroe (US) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-3, 6-2.

LOS ANGELES: Women's grand prix tournament: Second round (US unless stated): Third round: P Fendick bt R White, 6-4, 6-4; P Rone bt Hu Na, 6-2, 6-2; A Minter (Aus) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 6-1, 6-0; Z Garrison bt K Schimper (SA), 6-2, 6-3; G Magers bt A Frazier, 6-4, 7-5; C Evert bt H Cioffi, 6-2, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 6-4; L McNeil bt K Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

SOFIA: Virginia Slims of Sofia: women's tournament: Singles, third round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt B Boudarova (Cz), 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt S Goles (Yug), 7-6, 6-2; A Devries (Bel) bt H Fukarkova (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; B Paulus (Austria) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

PRAGUE: Czechoslowak Open tournament: Second round (Czech unless stated): M Srejber bt L Pimek, 6-1, 6-4; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt V Roubicek, 6-2, 6-1.

SAINT VINCENT, Italy: Val d'Aosta men's tournament: Second round: F Cancellotti (It) bt O Camporese (It), 7-5, 6-1; T Champion (Fr) bt C Miniussi (Arg), 6-1, 7-5; M Jaite (Arg) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

SHEFFIELD: Sheffield Open tournament: Men's singles, fourth round: S Heron bt P Hoffman, 1-6, 7-6, 6-4; D Bishop bt M Harper, 6-1, 6-4.

EASTBOURNE: Prudential junior British grass-court championships: Boys singles, 16 and under: Semi-finals: J Barton (Essex) bt A Foster (Staffordshire), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; J Hawcock (Surrey) bt D Draper (Northants), 6-2, 6-2. Girls singles, 16 and under: Semi-finals: C Garner (Staffs) bt H Lockhart (W of Scotland), 6-3, 6-2; B Griffiths (Suffolk) bt N Giles (Surrey), 6-4, 7-6.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 42, Coventry 48; Oxford 53½, Kings Lynn 36½.

TRENT/TEES TROPHY: Second leg: Middlesbrough 50, Long Eaton 42 (Middlesbrough win 104-87 on agg).

SWIMMING

AUSTIN, Texas: US Olympic trials (first two qualify): Men: 400m freestyle: 1, M Cattimiu, 3min 48.06sec (US record); 2, D Jorgensen, 3:50.10. 200m breaststroke: 1, M Barrowman, 2:13.74 (US record); 2, N Stackle, 2:18.49. 100m backstroke (qualifying round): 1, D Berkoff, 54.95 (world record). Women: 100m butterfly: 1, A Myers, 59.77; 2, M Meagher, 59.92. 100m breaststroke: 1, T McFarlane, 1:08.91; 2, S Johnson, 1:09.61.

YACHTING

LOWESTOFT: Flying 15 world championship: First race cancelled. Overall positions (GB unless stated): 1, Deejay (N Buckley, Babbacombe Corinthian YC), 13.7pts; 2, Back Scuttler (G Wells, Hayling Island YC), 27.7; 3 Tradesman's Entrance (C Rainey, Aus), 29.0.

ULLSWATER: Tempest national championships: Final race: 1, K96 (B Crampton and G Thornton); 2, K89 (J Monral and K Robinson); 3, K93 (D Ward and D Owens). Overall positions: 1, Monral and Robinson; 2, Crampton and Thornton; 3, K99 (C Meadows and C Southall).

ROYAL YORKSHIRE YC REGATTA: J24: 1, Crazy J (J Ro. Hornsea). Yorkshire One designs: 1, Blackie (R Pennington, Bridlington). Squibs: 1, Snoopy (A Saltonstall, Bridlington) Handicap class: 1, Jaluda (K Ledger, Bridlington).

EASTBOURNE: Graduate national championships: Final positions: 1, Glider (A Baker and S Barclay); 2, Grey Undies (P Barker and S North); 3, Whizzy Dizzy (J and A Burgoine). Single-handed championship: Grey Undies

LEE-ON-SOLENT: GT14 national championships: Overall results: 1, I Southworth and David Hays (Southport SC); 2, R Estaugh and M Marsden (Chase and Bolton); 3, M Parr and D Jobson (Boston SC)

BRIXHAM: Tasar national championships: Final race: 1, M and A Wetz (Wentwood SC); 2, A McArthur (Grafham Water), 3, C Udo and F Bos (WV Oostervoorne). Overall positions: 1, M Barnes and L Harnett; 2, C Udo and F Bos; 3, W and U Wagner.

PLYMOUTH: Fireball national championship: Final race: 1, I Pinnel and D Cripps; 2, P Badell and G Taylor; 3, A Barker and M Daring. Overall positions: 1, Becel and Taylor, 14pts; 2, Pinnel and Cripps, 17, 3, T Rush and C Mees, 23.7.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Milwaukee Brewers 4, Boston Red Sox 0; Toronto Blue Jays 6, New York Yankees 5 (in 11th), Texas Rangers 5, Cleveland Indians 4; Kansas City Royals 8, Baltimore Orioles 5 (in 12th), Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle Mariners 3; Oakland A's 7, California Angels 2. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 1, St Louis Cardinals 0; New York Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 8; Atlanta Braves 2, San Diego Padres 1; Cincinnati Reds 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 8; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Montreal Expos 1; San Francisco Giants 6, Houston Astros 0.

BOXING

MELBOURNE: World Boxing Council feather-weight championship (12 rounds): Jeff Fenech (Aus, holder) bt Tyrone Downes (Trin), rsc, 5th.

RUGBY UNION

ST-LAURENT-DE-LA-SALANQUE, France: Student world cup: Pool A: Scotland 23, Italy 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New club is planned

Scarborough, the fourth division team, are the latest football club to plan to stage rugby league. The Scarborough chairman, Geoffrey Richmond, has confirmed that the club will hold discussions with League officials with a view to the introduction of a new second division side in season 1989-90.

Richmond said there was strong interest in the game in Yorkshire, and the coastal resort of Scarborough was very close to one of the great strongholds of the 13-a-side code, Humberside.

One of the aims of the introduction of a rugby league team at Seamer Road would be to increase the use of the ground, which houses only 24 football matches in a season.

The major strengthening of the Hull Kingston Rovers squad has continued with the signing of another Australian forward, Mike Porter, from Cronella, the leaders of the Sydney competition.

● Swinton have signed Ian Connor, a forward, aged 18, who was also a target for Warrington and St Helens, from West Park, a rugby union club, on a five-year contract.

● Tex Evans, the Swinton centre, aged 24, has joined Salford after a dispute with his club, but the fee is likely to be decided by a League tribunal after Salford offered £30,000.

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Cambridge determined to end losing streak

Minor Counties cricket by Mike Berry

Cambridgeshire have been confirmed as the winners of the eastern division for the second successive season, and will now be aiming to halt a run of poor fortune that has seen them finish as losers in three consecutive finals.

They were beaten in last year's one day and championship play-offs, and have already lost to Dorset in this year's one-day final. As an added incentive, at Worcester on September 11 in the championship decider, they will almost certainly meet Cheshire, the county who defeated them in last year's one-day showpiece

The crowning of Cambridgeshire as regional champions means more sympathy for Staffordshire in what has been a fortnight of hard luck stories at this level. They face the frustrating prospect of finishing as runners-up for a fifth season.

Dorset's controversial "extras" win over Cheshire partly hid the fact that Barry Wood, the former England opening batsman, finished the trip with the scores of 0, 0, 0, 0 for a remarkable, and probably unique, double pair inside three days.

EASTERN DIVISION

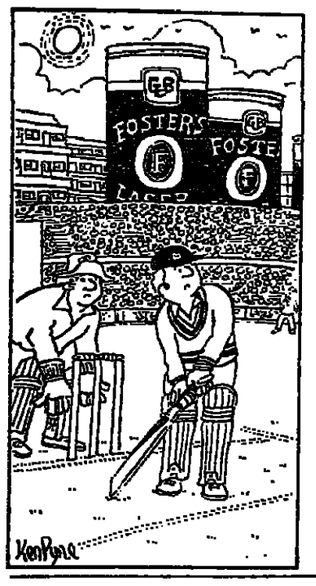
	P	W	L	D	Pt
Cambridgeshire	9	5	0	4	57
Staffordshire	8	3	2	3	41
Durham	8	3	1	4	40
Hertfordshire	8	2	2	4	32
Suffolk	7	2	2	3	32
Cumberland	8	2	1	5	30
Northumberland	8	1	3	4	23
Norfolk	9	1	2	6	20
Bedfordshire	7	0	2	5	13
Lincolnshire	8	0	4	4	13

WESTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	Pt
Cheshire	8	4	1	3*	52
Berkshire	8	3	2	3	39
Dorset	6	2	0	4	28
Oxfordshire	7	1	0	6*	27
Wales	8	0	2	6	17
Devon	6	1	1	4	16
Shropshire	6	0	0	6	12
Bucks	7	0	2	5	12
Wiltshire	6	0	1	5	9
Cornwall	6	0	2	4	5

* includes tied match.

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Surrey foster £2m deal for Oval

By Richard Streeton

In a desperate, final attempt to keep The Oval, the world's oldest Test match venue, for cricket, the Surrey County Cricket Club is to ask its 6,000 members to approve a sponsorship scheme under which the ground would be re-named the Foster's Oval.

The ground would carry this commercial prefix for 15 years in return for a substantial sum of money, which will allow its long-delayed £5.8 million development scheme to start this autumn.

The Surrey committee themselves put forward the plan to the brewers, Courage, who market Foster's lager in this country, and members will vote on the matter at a special meeting on August 24. The parties have agreed not to disclose the sum, but it is thought to be close to £2 million. If accepted, it would bring the Surrey "Save The Oval" appeal to £4.8 million, only £1 million short of the total needed.

This is believed to be the first time in Britain that a stadium, as opposed to a club or an event, has been sponsored. "It may not please everyone but if the members do not vote in favour, The Oval will be lost to cricket. Acceptance will be equivalent to pressing the button to go ahead and re-build," said one Surrey committee man.

The Surrey appeal, inevitably, has rather limped along since it was launched, following the unexpected rejection by the Government of an urban development grant. The sum required was so vast that in spite of numerous responses by firms and individuals, the target always remained out of reach. A Surrey official said: "There were many generous donations, but in this contest, the odd £5,000 or £10,000 donations were niggling amounts to what was needed."

"Surrey's problems," he said, "stemmed from not owning the ground's freehold. Lord's were helped by Mr Getty, other clubs own their own grounds, but our landlords, the Duchy of Cornwall — which these days is effectively a government department — were not interested. Ideally, we would have liked to develop the ground jointly with the Duchy, but it was not to be. The government really should allow sports clubs to retain for re-building money that goes on taxes and VAT."

Surrey, after failing in attempts to purchase the ground, signed a new 125-year lease with the Duchy last year. Provided the members approve the Foster's scheme, the development work at the pavilion end will start as soon as the season ends. Stands condemned by the fire authority will be replaced and a cricket school and other facilities that will also benefit the local community, will be built.

Derek Newton, the Surrey chairman, has said the involvement of a major sponsor was essential to the financial viability of the development. What was less clear immediately, however, was how the ordinary members would feel about the ground becoming the Foster's Oval, an idea which had a mixed reception when it was first mooted

Alf Gover, the former fast bowler who was Surrey president in 1980, said: "The name Foster's Oval does not jar on me. The point is, it would keep The Oval in business; Surrey cricket would be safe."

Foster's have already sponsored Australian Rules football at The Oval during the past two years. Clearly, Courage hope their commitment and financial outlay would be recognized by the new name passing into common usage.

If the proposals are accepted, detailed discussions will take place about the way the new name is displayed. For such a large outplay, Courage will certainly seek a return, but they have taken an unusual gamble on the new name being accepted both by the media and the public.

END COLUMN

A match to set the heath on fire

By Jonathan Rendall

Frank Bruno is committing himself to his world-championship challenge with an intent bordering on obsession, according to his manager, Terry Lawless, speaking in the aftermath of the boxer's confirmation for Wembley on October 8.

Bruno apparently moved into a flat near Hampstead Heath last May and has lived there alone through successive cancellations — first in June, then September — of his contest with the world champion, Mike Tyson.

"This fight has become an obsession with Frank," Lawless said yesterday. "He runs on the Heath every morning, trains and sleeps. He only goes home to collect his washing once a week. I've never seen him like it before. He can't wait for this fight."

According to Lawless, Bruno has become convinced he has the beating of the champion after encountering him twice in sparring: once when Tyson was a 16-year-old amateur and then in 1983 when Bruno was a rising prospect preparing for his first bout on American soil, against Mike Jameson.

"I know Tyson has been quoted as saying he handled Bruno easily in sparring," Lawless said. "But I was there on both occasions and that is not true. In fact, it was strange, both of them seemed to know that one day they would fight for real.

"Frank has something none of the other challengers had — he's been in with Tyson. He won't be like Bonecrusher Smith, who was so scared he almost died before he fought Tyson. Frank knows what to expect and it's all a matter of confidence in this game."

Confidence or not, Lawless is setting no great store by the news that Tyson went back into training earlier this week weighing a whopping 17st. "My reaction is 'So what?'," he said. "Tyson is short and stocky and always looks like he's carrying weight.

"No way can we take Tyson lightly. It's like Ali's trainer, Angelo Dundee, said: 'Tyson makes so many mistakes but it's only when you play back the slow-motion that you notice them'."

Bruno's mistakes, in contrast, have been aired to watching millions with no need for play-back; his only appearances on American network television being knockout losses to Smith in 1983 and Tim Witherspoon three years later.

Those scenes have confirmed in American minds the image of the horizontal British heavyweight. Nigel Collins, editor of *Ring* magazine in New York, yesterday explained: "It's not that we don't like Frank Bruno. In fact, everybody loved him when he was over here for Spinks-Tyson. The guy is charming, a one-liner machine. But as for him beating Mike Tyson, most people regard that as a joke."



Lawless: 'Bruno obsessed'

Collins predicts that Bruno will be a "6-1, maybe even 10-1" outsider in American eyes by the time the boxers step through the ropes. As yet the Las Vegas bookmakers have declined to offer any odds at all; they are waiting for confirmation that the bout is definitely on from someone other than Bill Cayton, Tyson's estranged manager.

These days the power behind the throne resides more with Tyson himself, his family and lawyers, and the New Jersey property mogul, Donald Trump.

However, the feeling is that Tyson will go ahead with the Bruno bout, then take his title "on the road" until a credible domestic challenger emerges. He has possible challengers in Italy and Brazil and, after that, a projected big-money meeting with Evander Holyfield, the former cruiserweight champion, who is maturing as a heavyweight.

That schedule, of course, depends on Tyson beating Bruno. And like Lawless, American pressmen are not taking the champion's alleged weight problem too seriously. One said: "So Tyson's out of shape. But what shape d'you have to be in to beat Bruno?"

Faldo's approach maintains his challenge on lead

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Edmond, Oklahoma

Nick Faldo attached a second round of 71 to his opening 67 to maintain his challenge for the seventieth US PGA Championship on the Oak Tree Course here yesterday.

That gave Faldo an aggregate of 138, which is four under par, and it left him four shots behind the early halfway leader, Jay Overton.

A club professional from Tarpon Springs, Florida, Overton surprised his touring colleagues by compiling a 66 which included six birdies.

For the second successive day, it was a case of vintage Faldo from tee to green. He wore what is now becoming a familiar intense expression, even though he had every reason to feel delighted. He struck his shots with an authority that could only be admired by his playing partners, Ben Crenshaw and Larry Nelson.

On the greens, Faldo was entitled to look downhearted. There he received little reward. In the first round, he contrived to miss no fewer than 10 putts from inside of 15 feet for birdies. Given the benefit of the doubt at the 17th, where his ball came to rest three inches off the putting surface, then it was fair to say that Faldo hit all the greens in regulation.

The story was a similar one in the second round. Faldo was out before the sun had burned away a layer of mist which momentarily reminded one of Wentworth in October. It was not long before that thought was dispelled as the temperature soared towards 100° F. Once again, there was only the suggestion of a breeze.

Faldo did miss the green at the first but only by one foot. From there he played an adroit chip to within tap-in distance to be on his way with a par.

At the next, he outdrove both Nelson and Crenshaw but he had to settle for another par when his putt of 25 feet slid past the hole.

The third is a genuine par-five hole and Faldo was happy to make his there, but he was not amused when at the fourth he left a putt of 22 feet on the edge of the hole.

He finally made a birdie at the fifth, holing from 14 feet, but he missed from similar distances on each of the next two greens.

Even so, he holed a good putt of 12 feet for a two at the eighth to move to six under par at which point it appeared likely that he would challenge for the half-way lead.

A catastrophic six however at the ninth stopped Faldo in his tracks. His drive left the ball in the rough, from where he took an eight-iron and dragged it left of the green.

With two trees between himself and the hole, he faced a difficult recovery shot. Faldo hit it too hard and the ball sped across the green to finish down a grassy bank.

His chip from there again ran past the hole and from 16 feet he needed two putts.

Faldo walked off the green as if it hadn't happened. He has that wonderful ability to forget such reversals in fortune and he went on his way in good style. He continued to play some shots of rare beauty but he was also betrayed time and time again by his putter.

He did need to save par at the 14th after going through the green but his chip left him with only a putt of four feet which he safely made.

All in all, it was a solid day's work, although Faldo knew he had lost ground.

For instance, David Graham moved past him with a 67 for a five-under-par score of 137 and he was joined on that mark by the American, Dave Rummells, who scored a record 64.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	441	4	10	379	4
2	392	4	11	466	4
3	584	5	12	445	4
4	200	3	13	149	3
5	590	5	14	453	4
6	377	4	15	434	4
7	440	4	16	479	5
8	171	3	17	200	3
9	386	4	18	429	4
Out	3,581	36	In	3,434	35

Total yardage: 7,015 Par: 71

FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 66: R Gilder. 67: N Faldo (GB); C Beck; J Cook; P Azinger. 68: G Norman (Aus); R Floyd; M Reid; R Mediate; C Stadler; P Senior (Aus); J Overton. 69: T Nakajima (Japan); D Pohl; S Jones; J Sluman; R Makoski; H Sutton. 70: D Watson (Zim); M O'Meara; J Mudd; B Lietzke; P Stewart; R Zokol (Can); D Graham (Aus); L Nelson; B Crenshaw; D Tewell; D Stockton; M O'Grady; T Brannen. 71: S Ballesteros (Sp); C Pavin; J Benepe; R Tway; J Mahaffey; A Magee; D Edwards; R Mast; S Pate; J Blake; E Fiori; R Black. 72: C Strange; J Hallet; T Simpson; R Groff; D A Weibring; D Hammond; G Koch; G Gilbert; J Nicklaus; D Pooley; T Kite; T Watson; K Knox; R Wrenn. 73: I Aoki (Japan); L Mize; M McNulty (Zim); S Elkington (Aus); T Byrum; C Rose; M Hulbert; J Inman; T Sieckmann; F Allem (SA); R Davis (Aus); J Carter. D Ishii; P Jacobsen; S Randolph; D Rummells; G Hallberg; M Calcavecchia; J Haas; B McCallister. 74: B Langer (WG); A North; D Barr (Can); K Brown (GB); A Palmer; S Simpson; F Couples; L Wadkins; J Sindelar; S Bess; J Dickson; N Price (Zim); G Sauers; J Lumpkin; S Hoch; W Fitzhugh; H Irwin; K Green; C Peete; H Green; F Zoeller; M Wiebe. 75: D Frost (SA); T Purtzer; R Freeman; R Lohr; M Donald; J Weeden; R Wadkins; G Freger; R Landrum; R Eastwood. 76: W Grady (Aus); M Hatalsky; R Cochran; G Jones; G Morgan; M McCumber. 77: K Clearwater; M Maleska; R Menne; L Janson; J Roth; L Trevino; S Verplank. Other British: 78: I Woosnam.

LEADING SCORES: (GB and Ire unless stated) 131: F Nobilo (NZ), 63, 68. 132: A Charnley, 66, 66. 133: C Montgomerie, 66,67; A Forsbrand, (Swe), 67,66. 134: G Parry (Aus), 67, 67; P Fowler (Aus), 65, 69; M Hallberg (Swe), 67, 67. 135: M Lanner (Swe), 67, 68. 136: P Hedblom (Swe), 67, 69; W Riley (Aus), 68, 68; J Robinson, 69, 67.

The nightmare ride of Klute

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

Klute's attempt to beat a real-life racehorse ended in bathos last night when the official world speed record holder was beaten 25 lengths by So Careful in the Philip Cornes Match at Haydock Park.

As a contest the race was a farce. Lesley Bruce, Klute's owner, trainer and jockey, was pushing at her mount to keep in touch with John Carroll and So Careful after only a furlong. When So Careful, the 14-1 on favourite, quickened a quarter of a mile from home he immediately went clear.

The time for the five furlongs was 64.34 seconds, over 5sec slower than the standard 59sec. Over the electrically timed final 110 yards So Careful was timed at 31.33mph and Klute at 27.81.

The last figures cannot be taken seriously as Carroll was pulling the winner up close home and Klute was exhausted. But even considering a blustery head wind of about Force 4 and rain-softened ground, the overall time was slow.

Mrs Bruce was convinced that Klute had performed far below his best. "I thought he wasn't right for the past 10 days," she said, "and the race proved it as I had to give him a smack soon after the start. The brave thing would have been to have called it off."

The cheerful artist and sculpter still has faith in her record holder. "I am still sure he can do it and I would dearly like to have another go."

Carroll confirmed the ease of the victory. "I pinged the stalls. I saved a bit until I let out a reef two furlongs from home to try and go for the record."

Pre-race inspection of the runners in the paddock had suggested the final outcome. With his big ears and concave Roman nose, the rather plain Klute had looked workmanlike compared with the far more elegant So Careful, who is rated about 50lb below classic standard.

After the match, which was for £500 a side, Bob Heathcote, the chairman of Philip Cornes, gave a cheque for £600 to Mark Birch on behalf of the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

Jack Berry, So Careful's trainer, having saddled his 59th winner of the season, said: "I suppose So Careful will now be given 12st 7lb in the Ayr Gold Cup. But seriously, So Careful is not all that quick over a furlong. There must be a thousand horses in training who can go as fast."

And so Mrs Bruce returned disconsolately to Staffordshire. But she has no need to reproach herself. If dreaming were a crime, then half the racehorse owners in the country would be behind bars.



Run into the ground: a disconsolate Lesley Bruce with Klute after a far-from-classic race

Woosnam withdraws

Ian Woosnam yesterday withdrew from the US PGA championship midway through his second round after complaining of a splitting headache (Mitchell Platts writes).

Woosnam, who was 11 over par at the time, said: "I simply couldn't carry on under that sun."

Woosnam had tied a millstone around his neck by taking 78 in the first round. "I drove the ball well," he said. "But I kept missing greens and couldn't get up and down.

"It's very disappointing. I shot 86-76 last year so I'm going back home early again."

Woosnam had not played since the Open Championship. He has now missed five half-way cuts in successive tournaments in the United States.

Charnley leads challenge

The husband and wife combination of Tony and Lucienne Charnley led the British challenge for the PLM Open at Flommens, near Malmo, yesterday.

Charnley shot a second 66 for an eight-under-par 132, to put himself one shot behind the New Zealand leader, Frank Nobilo. Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, shares third place with Anders Forsbrand.

Charnley and his wife, who was born in The Netherlands, have been treading the European fairways together ever since they were married — despite protests that it is "unprofessional" for her to pull a trolley instead of carrying a tournament bag. But their teamwork last year helped Tony win £47,500 and it again proved vital today.

Charnley, who began his second round at the 10th, went out out in 32 then birdied two of the first three inward holes. Then his drive to the long fourth went too far and finished within a yard of a wooden bridge over one of the many baltic sea inlets that cut into this Swedish links course.

Charnley's path to the green was completely blocked, but Lucienne insisted he called for an official ruling — and was proved right when her husband was allowed a free drop.

He managed to salvage par and then performed another great escape at the eighth after hitting his tee shot into another water-hazard.

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Celtic to fly the flag

By Roddy Forsyth

Despite the opinion voiced by Billy McNeill earlier this week that football balances its accounts at the end of each season, a visible proof of Celtic's profit on the previous campaign will be displayed at Parkhead shortly before 3 p.m. when the league championship flag is unfurled before a crowd, which is likely to be in the vicinity of 50,000.

Thereafter, the title holders face an immediate assault on their position when they kick-off against Heart of Midlothian, whose pursuit of the Parkhead club last term earned them second place.

The Hearts management of Alex MacDonald and Sandy Jardine acquired the services of Eamonn Bannon and Iain Ferguson, from Dundee United, during the close season.

Rangers make the short trip to Lanarkshire to meet newly promoted Hamilton Academicals in a match which has its obvious hazards. Hamilton have only to look back eighteen months, when they were last Premier Division material, to recall that they ended Rangers' interest in the Scottish Cup with an astonishing 1-0 victory at Ibrox.

Rangers have named a 15-strong squad for the visit to Douglas Park and it reads as follows: Woods, Stevens, Munro, Brown, Gough, Wilkins, Butcher, Durrant, D Ferguson, Walters, Cooper, Drinkell, McCoist, Nisbet, Phillips.

Aberdeen move down the east coast to Dens Park, where Dundee have given them awkward moments in recent seasons. Both sides have new managers but only Aberdeen have changed significantly on the field.

Wembley show depends on Gullit's late fitness test

By Louise Taylor

With its hallowed turf barely having had time to recover from the ravages imposed by the nightly struttings of Michael Jackson it is hoped that Wembley will provide the backdrop for another of the world's great entertainers this weekend.

Ruud Gullit, the dynamic and dreadlocked inspiration between AC Milan and the Netherlands, who was mobbed by autograph hunters in a London record store yesterday, is expected to prove one of the central attractions in the quadrangular club tournament involving Arsenal, Tottenham, AC Milan and Bayern Munich — but only if he passes an 11th-hour fitness test on an injured right knee this morning.

Alarmingly for the tournament promotors, already anxious over sluggish ticket sales, Arrigo Sacchi, the AC Milan coach, last said that Gullit had only a "50-50 chance of playing". However, doctors are reported to be "very confident" that Gullit, will be permitted to renew his teasing, tormenting relationship with English footballers tomorrow.

Marco van Basten proved another scourge of the English, Arsenal's Tony Adams in particular, when he registered a hat-trick against Bobby Robson's men during the recent European Championship. "I hope I get the same score as last time against Tony Adams but I also hope that I get a good reception from the crowd!" he said last night.

Another challenge for the north London defenders comes in the shape of Johnny Ekstrom, the Swedish international forward who is one of the six close season Bayern Munich aquisitions. However, judging by last week-end's 11-2 Bundesliga victory the new players are settling in nicely and Uli Hoeness, the general manager, described his team as "very young and very hungry".

Yet even the very best players can see their talent diluted by an inferior playing surface but Jarvis Astaire, vice-chairman of Wembley, was anxious to dispel stories about the state of the pitch which Italian newspapers this week suggested was in a lamentable condition as to put the tournament in jeopardy. "We have had the wettest July in 52 years but I am assured it is an ideal playing surface," Astaire said.

"It may be a slightly different colour from normal but I'm sure the players aren't affected by the colour of the pitch, it doesn't have to be a perfect green."

Inevitably another worry is hooliganism but continuing on an up-beat, optimistic note, Astaire said: "With the first match starting at 1.30 people have less time to drink before they reach the stadium."

Hooliganism coupled with England's ignominious exit from West Germany has distanced many erstwhile supporters from the game and Astaire conceded that the attendance will probably not be as good "as these two great teams justify".

In an attempt to boost the all-seated crowd towards its 60,000 capacity — Wembley needs 30,000 to break even — adults accompanied by children will be allowed to pay at the turnstiles today.

David Griffiths, chief executive of Wembley, hopes those inside will prove pioneers in helping establish an annual event that will be "a success for years to come. We want this to become a regular part of the football calendar as much as the FA Cup final."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sjoberg an absentee

Patrik Sjoberg, the world high jump champion and record holder, has pulled out of the Swedish national championships today because of a nagging foot injury (Reuter reports from Stckholm). His trainer, Viljo Nousiainen, dismissed rumours that Sjoberg, who set the world mark of 2.42 metres on Stockholm last year, would be absent from the championships at Eskilstuna because he was tired of intense media interest in his injury and his appearance money.

Anti-sin bin

A leading rugby union referee, Clive Norling, spoke out against the Welsh Rugby Union's scheme for "sin bins". "The referees don't want it," he said. "They have already voted 3-1 against it. They have got enough weapons as it is. At the end of the day, it encourages weak refereeing."



Kipkoech: No Seoul trip

Kipkoech out

Paul Kipkoech, Kenya's 10,000 meters world champion, failed to qualify for next month's Seoul Olympics after dropping out of of the race at the national trial in Nairobi yesterday. He withdrew after 16 laps and told reporters he was feeling unwell following a recurrence of malaria. With only the first three finishers in each trial event likely to win selection to the Kenyan Olympic team, Kipkoech said: "I'm not going to the Olympics now."

Coe armistice

British athletics chiefs have made their peace with Seb Coe's father and coach, Peter. Tony Ward, British Amateur Athletic Board spokesman, said yesterday that, after talks with Peter Coe "we accept totally that the reason for Seb's bad performance last weekend was the respiratory infection he had picked up just before, and that, in no way, was his preparation to blame." Peter Coe had been unhappy with official suggestions that his son's elimination from the 1,500 metres heats in the Birmingham trials was due to poor preparation.

Mecir beaten

Miloslav Mecir, the number one seed at the Prague men's circuit tennis tournament, was beaten in the quarter-finals by Fernando Luna, of Spain, (AFP reports). The 30-year-old unseeded Spaniard needed only two sets, 6-2, 6-4, take the match from the number seven world ranked player who was on home ground.

League advertise post

The Football League are to fill the gap which will be created by the departure of the secretary, Graham Kelly, to the FA, by appointing a chief executive. The new post will be advertised in tomorrow's *Sunday Times* (Peter Ball writes).

The advertisement says that the successful candidate will be responsible to the management committee. How much more leeway that will allow the new occupant for decision-making is not clear, but Kelly's predecessor under the old dispensation, Alan Hardacre, was able to rule Lytham fairly successfully and what is made of the new post will presumably depend on the quality of the successful candidate.

The job has been upgraded to end the current confusion, over seniority between the League headquarters and the commercial office in London.

Whether that will be enough to persuade Gordon Taylor, the outstanding external candidate, to forsake a position of considerable influence and no little power with the Professional Footballers Association remains to be seen. If an internal candidate is favoured, Trevor Phillips, the League's commercial director, or David Dent, the current deputy secretary, look the most likely names to be canvassed.

Torquay signing

Paul Holmes, ths Doncaster Rovers right back, has moved to Torquay United for £6,000.